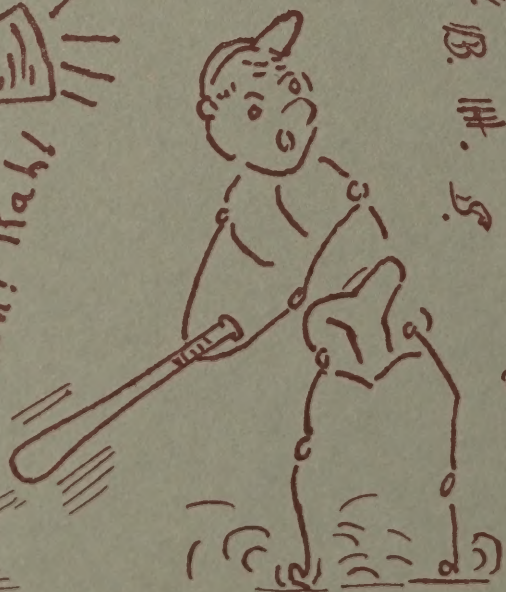
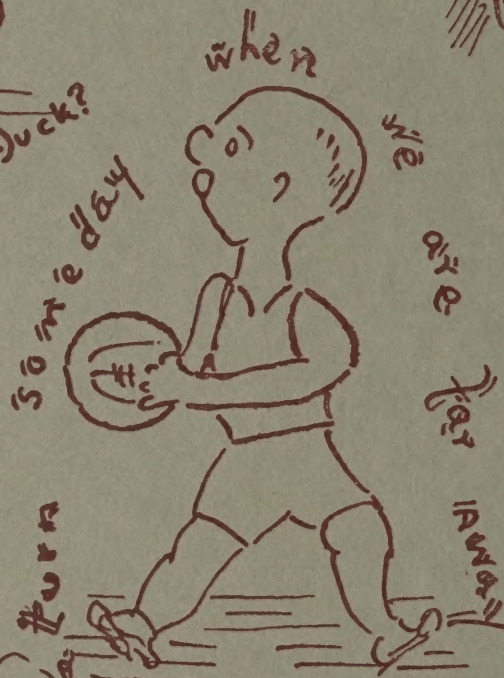
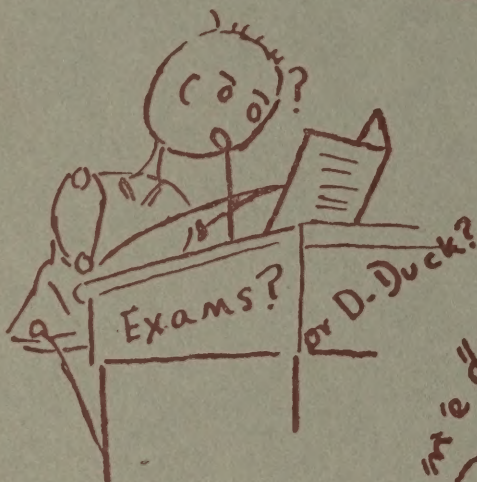
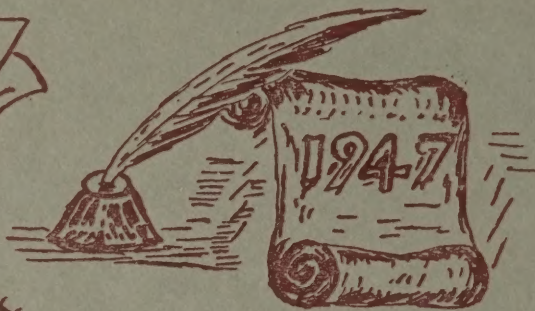
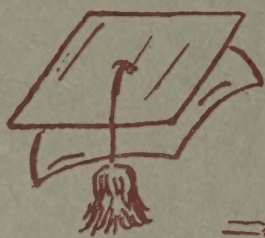


THE 1947

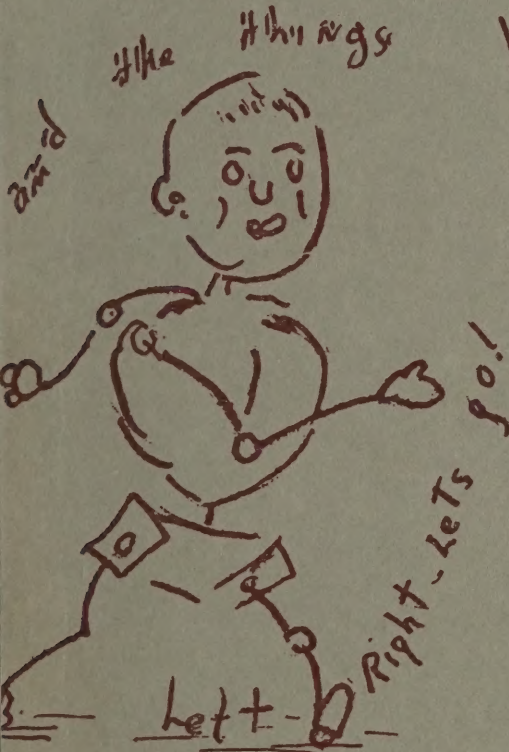
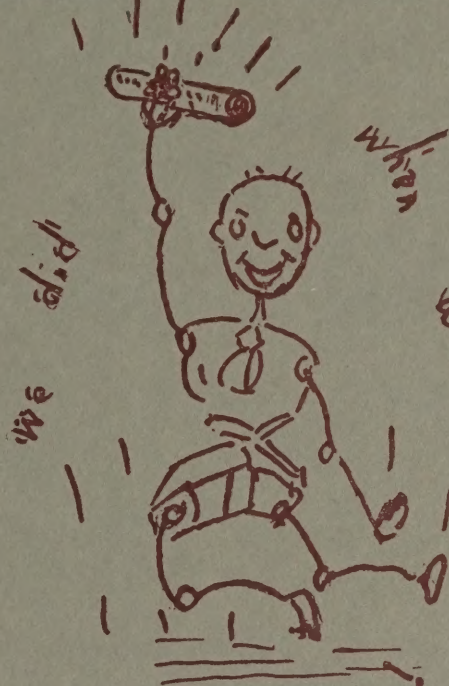
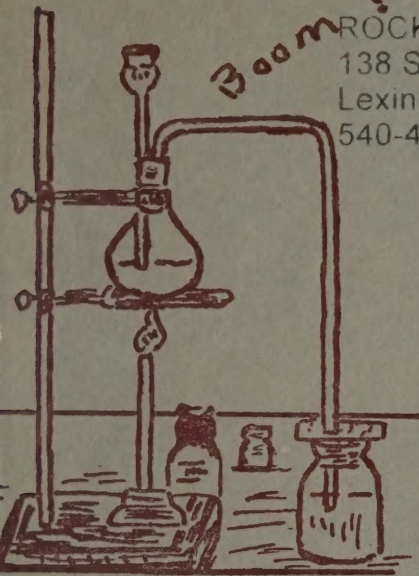
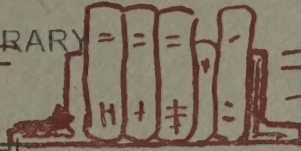
SPAN



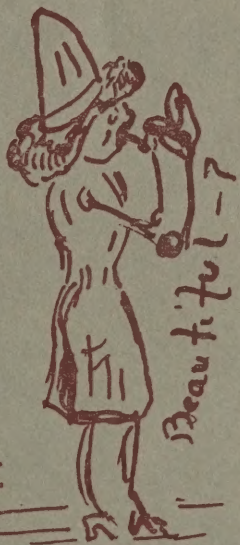


Boom!

ROCKBRIDGE REGIONAL LIBRARY
138 South Main Street
Lexington, VA 24450-2316
540-463-4324 www.rrlib.net



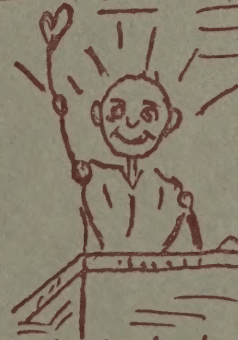
Were young



Beautiful - ?

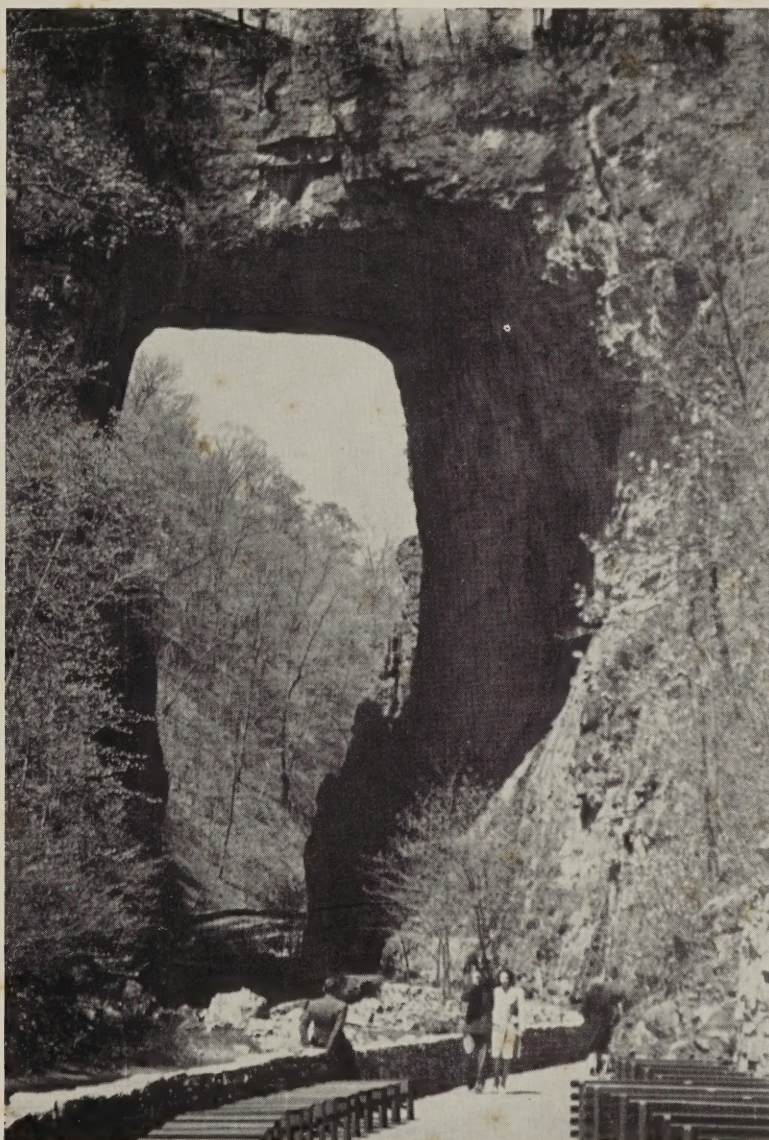


Sez you?



Ask me

THE SPAN



Natural Bridge High School

1946-1947

THE SPAN

*Published
by the*

SENIOR CLASS

Volume VIII

1946-'47

Editor—

Jerry Alford

Associates—

Mildred Thompson

Lucille Ferguson

Business Manager—

Frank Spencer

Sponsor—

Mrs. Virginia Tardy

Natural Bridge High School



ALMA MATER

*Guarded by encircling mountains beautiful and blue,
Stands our noble Alma Mater, glorious to view,
Lift thy chorus, speed it onward,
Ne'er let praises fail,
Hail to Thee, our Alma Mater,
Natural Bridge High School, Hail.*



FOREWORD . . .

In 1938, the Senior Class of the Natural Bridge High School published and presented to the faculty and fellow students the first volume of what has become a treasured book of memoirs. After careful consideration, this book was appropriately named THE SPAN.

Much hard work has been done in the past to make each edition of our annual a success. While it has suffered many growing pains over the years and hurdled many obstacles, it has always managed to land on its feet.

Now, we, the Senior Class of 1947 are proud to present to our faculty and fellow students this the eighth volume of THE SPAN. We sincerely hope that it will serve as a frequent reminder of what our Alma Mater means to us. In years to come, may it help each of us bridge the time back to the happy years spent here and flood our thoughts with pleasant memories.



READING . . .

Psalm 121

I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills
from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh from the LORD,
which made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be
moved: he that keepeth thee will not
slumber.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall
neither slumber nor sleep.

The LORD is thy keeper: the LORD is
thy shade upon thy right hand.

The sun shall not smite thee by day,
nor the moon by night.

The LORD shall preserve thee from
all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.

The LORD shall preserve thy going
out and thy coming in from this time
forth, and even for evermore.



CONTENTS



I. *DEDICATION*

II. *ADMINISTRATION*

III. *SENIORS*

IV. *JUNIORS*

V. *SOPHOMORES*

VI. *FRESHMEN*

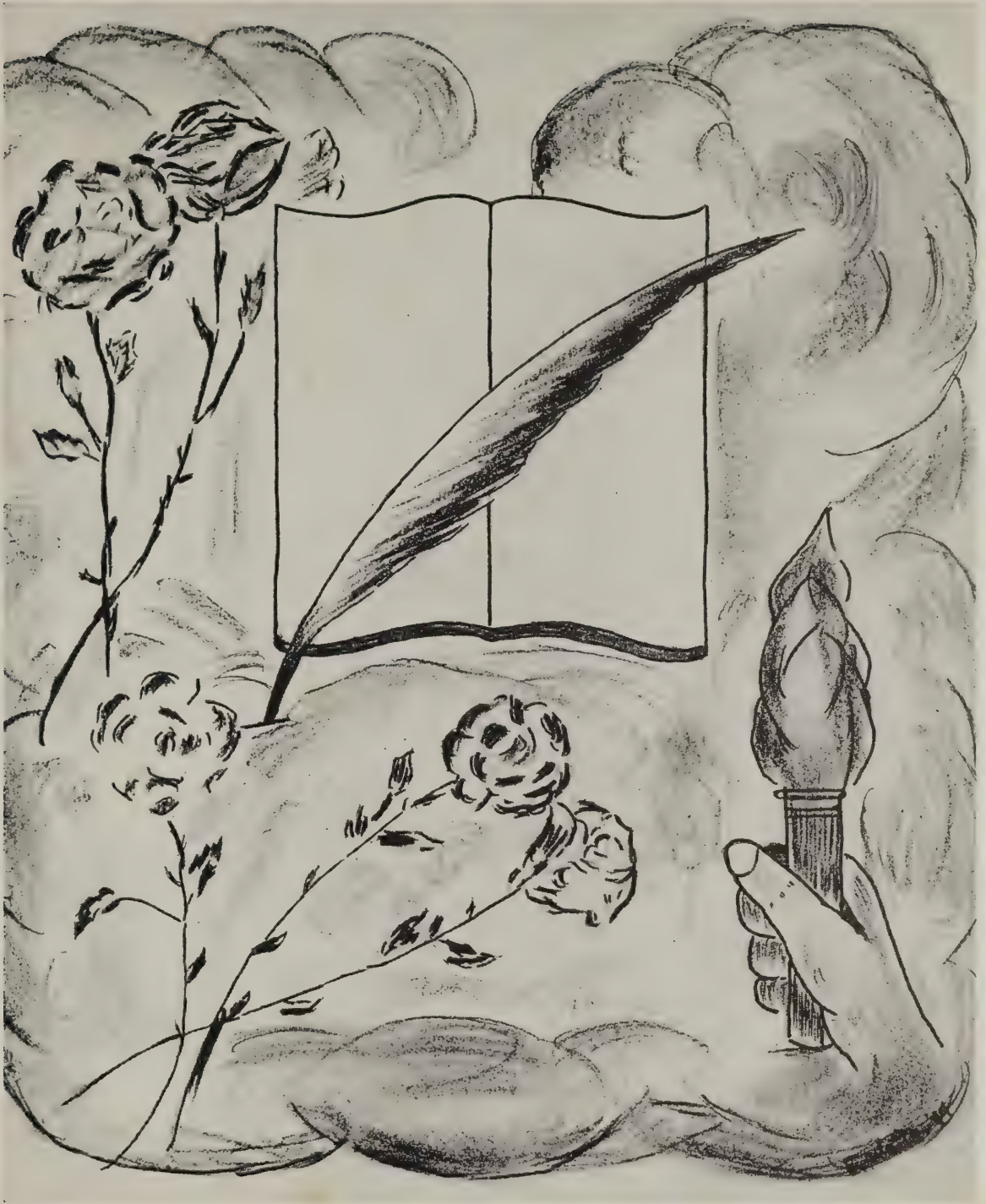
VII. *EIGHTH GRADE*

VIII. *ACTIVITIES*

IX. *ATHLETICS*

X. *ADVERTISEMENTS*

XI. *AUTOGRAPHS*



DEDICATION

We, the SENIOR CLASS of
1947
do dedicate this, the eighth volume
of
THE SPAN
to the Patrons of Natural Bridge
High School

Your devotion, interest and loyalty to the
school have provided us an opportunity for our
present education and inspired us to seek a
higher level of learning.



ADMINISTRATION

The Faculty



MR. M. P. STRICKLER

Principal

A. B. Hampden-Sydney
University of Virginia

Mathematics

"The perpetuation of Democracy depends
upon the education of American youth."

MR. D. W. BURGER

Assistant Principal

B. S. Roanoke College
University of Virginia

Mathematics and History

"Since the beginning of civilization, there
has been no substitute for work."

Don W. Burger



Robert G. See, Jr.

The Faculty



First Row, left to right:

Robert G. See, Jr. A. B. Hampden-Sydney
B. N. West-Minister Choir
College
Mathematics and Music

Mrs. Jane Judy A. B. Grove City College
English and Foreign
Language

Mrs. Sally Clayton U. C. L. A.
Biology and Chemistry

Mrs. Jean Gillespie B. S. Rockford College
R. N. Northwestern
School of Nursing
Social Science

Second Row:

Mrs. Ethel Moore B. S. Tennessee College
Mathematics and Science

Mrs. Anna Hodges William and Mary
Algebra and Social
Studies

Mrs. Bernice Francis Ohio University
English

Mrs. Virginia Tardy B. S. in Home Economics,
Madison
Home Economics

Third Row:

Mrs. Virginia Lloyd Farmville State Teachers'
College
Home Economics

Mrs. Nancy Strickler B. S. Farmville State
Teachers' College
Librarian

Mr. Robert Childress B. S. Civil Engineering,
V. M. I.
Athletic Director

Student Council



President..... Wilson Watts, Senior
Vice-President..... Price Hodges, Junior
Secretary..... Corrine Austin, Junior

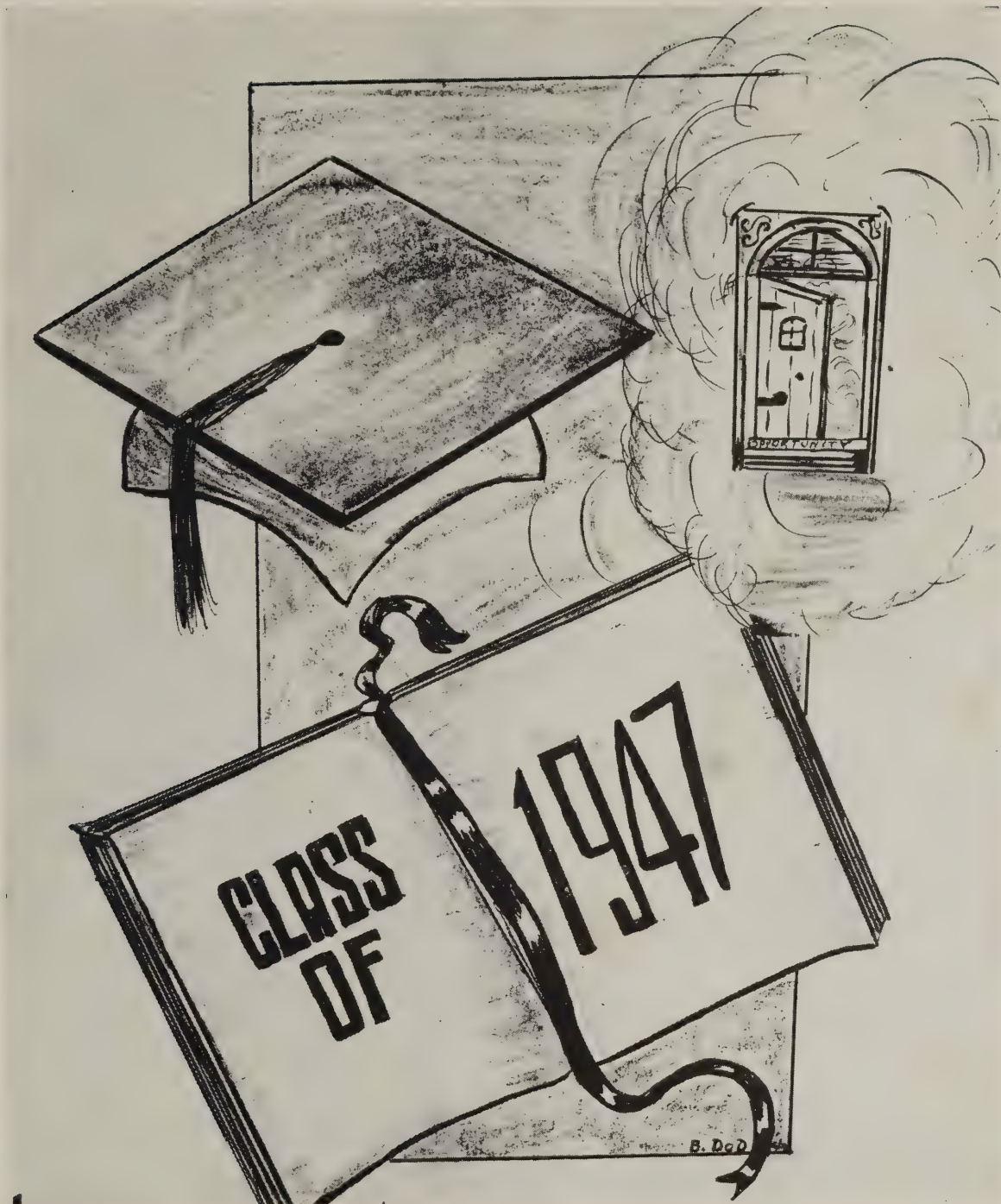
Representatives as follows:

Eighth Grade A..... Judy Garrett, Alvin Ferguson
Eighth Grade B..... Jane Thompson, Dwight Slough
Eighth Grade C..... Helen Kerr, Jacob Lunsford
Freshman..... Rachel Reynolds, Thomas Branch
Junior..... Corrine Austin, Joe Perkins
Senior..... Jane Whittington, Preston Campbell

The Student Government of '46—'47 had a very successful year. It has carried on and improved the hall monitor system established by the Student Government of '45—'46. In addition, the Safety Patrol has been posted in the road outside to direct traffic when buses are loading.

Probably the crowning achievement of the year was the establishment of an information desk in the lower hall for the benefit of visitors. This desk has been manned at all times by a responsible student who has received valuable training while rendering service.

During the last two years the council has been fortunate to have as its faculty advisors Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Francis. They have always been ready to assist and have given sympathetic guidance in all our efforts. We wish to express our sincere appreciation to each of them.



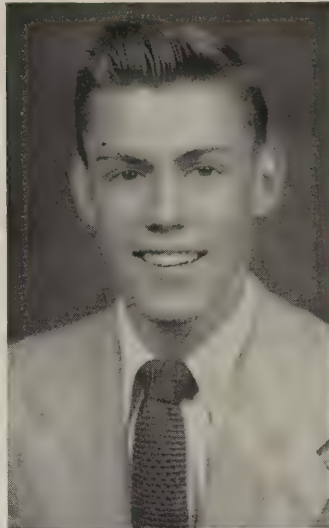
SENIORS

SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS

Earl Wilson Watts
President.
"Shorty"

No. 1 Sigh-Guy at N. B. H.
S. If anyone can, Watts
can!

Class President, I, IV.
Class Secretary, III.
Literary Club, I, II, III.
Dramatic Club, IV.
Vice-President, IV.

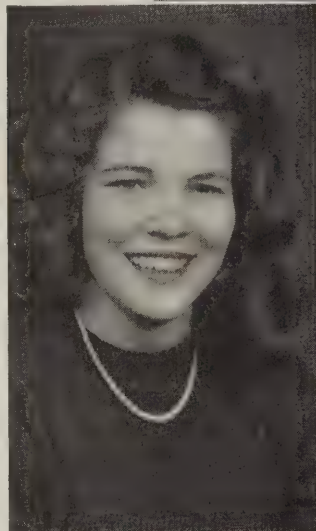


Glee Club, III, IV.
Football, III, IV.
Co-Captain, IV.
Bridge Bulletin, II, III, IV.
Span Staff, II, III.
Student Government, I, II,
IV.
President, IV.
Track, II, III, IV.
Monogram Club, IV.
President, IV.
Class Program Chairman,
II.

Mildred Doris Alford
Vice-President.
"Milly"

Enchanting . . . green-eyed
. . . 100 per cent solid pal.

Literary Club, I, II.
Dramatic Club, II, III, IV.
Glee Club, I, II, III, IV.
F. H. A., II, III, IV.
Cheering Squad, III, IV.
Librarian, IV.



Barbara Ann Dod
Treasurer.
"Babs"

The gal with a million
dreams. She takes life
easy and has no regrets.

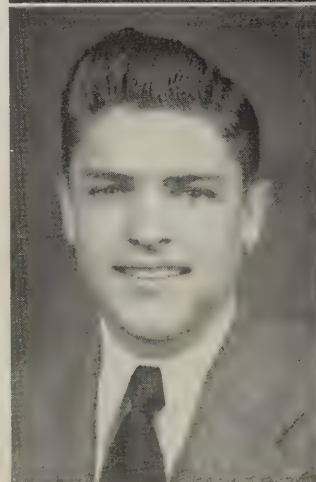
Literary Club, I, II.
Dramatic Club, I, II, III,
IV.
Secretary, II.
Glee Club, I, II, III, IV.
Bridge Bulletin, I, III, IV.
Assistant Editor, III,
IV.
Span Staff, I, III.
Student Government, II,
III.
F. H. A., I, II, III, IV.
Secretary, II.
Vice-President, III.
President, IV.
Cheering Squad, III, IV.
Assistant Librarian, I, II.



Dorman S. Camden
Secretary.
"Cork"

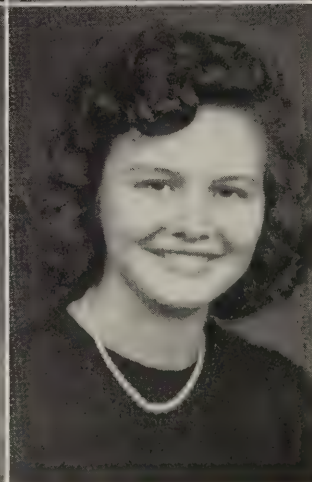
That hunk of masculinity
with the flashing smile.
That's our Cork, sho'nuff.

Literary Club, I, II, III, IV.
Secretary, IV.
Dramatic Club, III, IV.
President, III.
Glee Club, I, II, III, IV.
President, IV.
Football, II, III, IV.
Monogram Club, IV.
Vice-President, IV.
Basketball, II, III, IV.
Baseball, II, IV.
Span Staff, III, IV.
Circulation Manager,
IV.
Bridge Bulletin, III.
Student Government, III.



Lucille Ferguson
Program Chairman
"Lucy"

A smile, a cheerful word,
and a helpful nature.
Literary Club, I, II, III.
Treasurer, IV.
Dramatic Club, I, II, III, IV.
Glee Club, I, II, III, IV.
F. H. A., II, III, IV.
Treasurer, IV.
Bridge Bulletin, II, IV.
Assistant Editor of Span,
IV.
Basketball, III, IV.



Flower . . . Rose
Colors . . . Red and White
Motto . . . "To The Stars Through Difficulty"

Seniors

Frances E. Cash

"Fran"

Best of everything to a fine friend.

She packs a mighty punch in anybody's crowd. . . .

Literary Club, I, II.

Dramatic Club, I, II.

Glee Club, I, II, III, IV.

F. H. A., III, IV.

Scrapbook Editor of F.

H. A., IV.

Librarian, IV.



Talmadge P. Kidd

"Tam"

The guy who has the whole school laughing at him and loves it.

Literary Club, I, II, IV.

Dramatic Club, II, III, IV.

Reporter, III.

Football, III, IV.

Basketball, III, IV.

Basketball Manager, III.

Humor Editor of Bridge Bulletin, IV.

Sports Editor of Span, IV.

Monogram Club, IV.

William K. Leighton

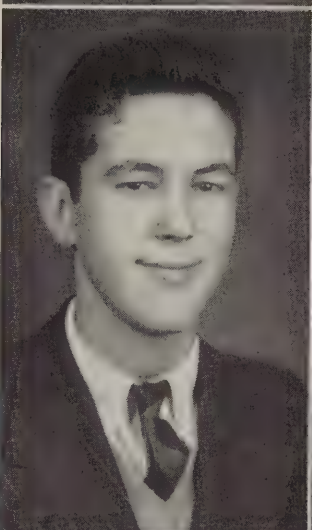
"Tootsie"

With undaunted spirit, he's Johnny-on-the-spot when you need a pal.

Literary Club, I, II.

Basketball, I, II, III, IV.

Track, III.



Naomi Carol Desper

"Tot"

Freckled, 'n blue-eyed, 'n completely disarming.

Literary Club, I, II.

Dramatic Club, I, II.

Glee Club, I, II, III, IV.

F. H. A., II, IV.

Club Editor of Span, IV.

Basketball, IV.

Marion Whittington

"Jane"

Personality's gift to N. B. H. S. Keep pitchin', Moonbeam!

Literary Club, I, II, III, IV.

President, III.

Dramatic Club, III.

President, III.

Glee Club, I, II, III.

Bridge Bulletin, III, IV.

Editor, IV.

Humor Editor, III.

Sports Editor of Span, III.

Student Government, I, III, IV.

Vice-President, III.

Class President, I, II.

Cheering Squad, II, III, IV.

Assistant Librarian, III, IV.



Dexter G. Lunsford

"Dex"

Mischievous and full of pranks—that's Dex!

Literary Club, I, II.

Basketball, II, III, IV.

Football, I, II, III, IV.

Track, II, III, IV.

Glee Club, I.

Vice-President of Class, II.

III.

Monogram Club, IV.

Seniors

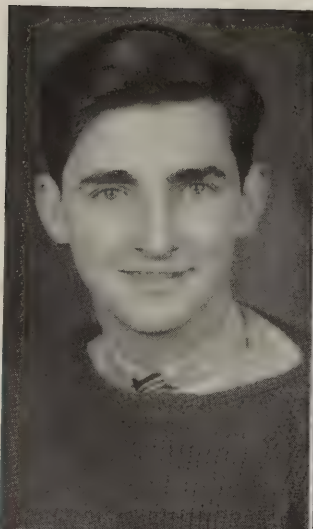
Ballard Clarke

"Bal"

... Lady-killer? Huh-uh!
But dark, suave, and an
all-around good guy.

Assistant Manager of Base-
ball Team, I.

*Best wishes
Ballard*



Rae Nell Burks

"Ray"

Sweet as a summer
breeze; sugar 'n spice, nice.

Literary Club, I, II.
Dramatic Club, I, II.
Glee Club, I, II.
F. H. A., IV.
Reporter for Bridge Bul-
letin, IV.
Senior Class Representa-
tive for Span, IV.



*Good Luck, Don't Tell
Miss You, Beckie
Hilda R. Bywaters*

"Beckie"

Dignified ... beamingly
quaint ... stardust in her
brown eyes for Dex.

Literary Club, I, II.
Dramatic Club, I, II.
Glee Club, I, II, III, IV.
F. H. A., IV.
Proofreader of Bridge Bul-
letin, II, III.
Assistant Librarian, II.

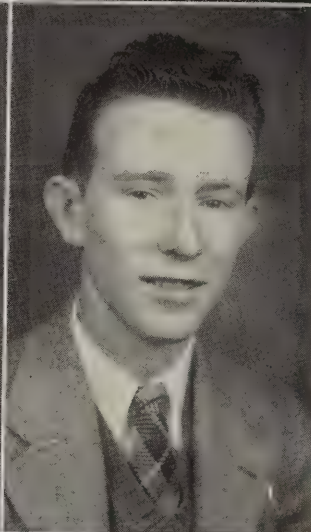


Lester E. Fainter

"Lasses"

Quiet, mischievous and
full of goal getting power.

Literary Club, I, II.
Football, I, II, III, IV.
Basketball, I, II, III, IV.
Captain, IV.



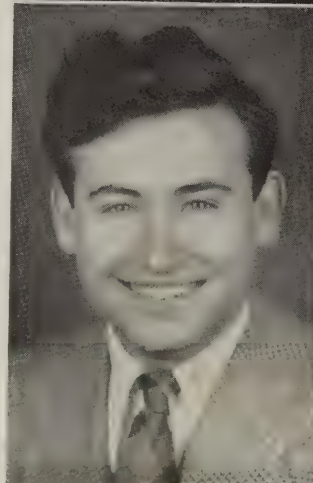
Evans L. Thompson

"Eli"

A yen for guitar music,
making touchdowns, and
"Violets".

Literary Club, I, II.
Dramatic Club, IV.
Glee Club, I, II, III, IV.
Reporter, III.
President, IV.
Basketball, IV.
Baseball, IV.
Track, III, IV.
Football, IV.
Monogram Club, IV.
President of Class, III.
Class Reporter for Bridge
Bulletin, I.

*Good Luck
Evans Thompson*

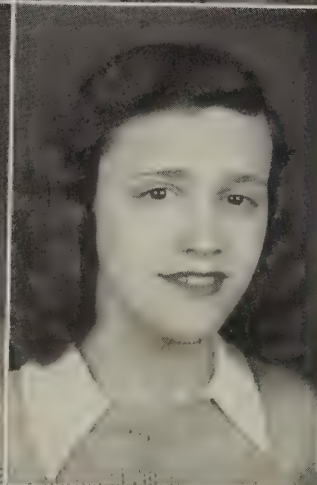


Gladys A. Camden

"Glad"

A little on the serious
side but harboring a touch
of gaiety.

Literary Club, I, II.
Glee Club, II.
F. H. A., IV.
Assistant Librarian, II, III,
IV.



*Good Luck Gladys
to a swell girl
Always
Gladys*

Seniors

*Best of Luck
June Watkins*

June E. Watkins
"Jen"

*Her ability to blush proves
a true sign of womanhood.*

Literary Club, III.
Glee Club, II.
F. H. A., III, IV.



*Best of Luck
James E. Smith*

James E. Smith
"Jimmy"

*Man of few words. He be-
lieves "Silence is golden."*

Literary Club, I, II.
Glee Club, I, II, III, IV.
Dramatic Club, I, II, III,
IV.
Football, I, II.

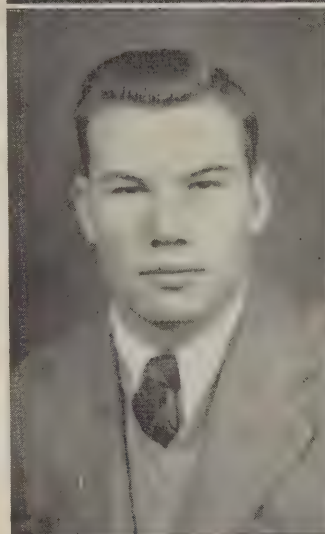


Frank E. Spencer
"All-American"

*The guy who's always
throwing those "stinkeroo"
jokes around.*

Literary Club, I, II.
Dramatic Club, I, II, III, IV.
Glee Club, I, II, III, IV.
Vice-President, IV.
Football, I, II, III, IV.
Basketball, I, II, III, IV.
Track, I, II, III, IV.
Business Manager of Span,
IV.
Monogram Club, IV.
Treasurer, IV.

*Best of
Luck
Frank
Spencer*



Betty Jane Fainter
"Betts"

*Her calmness, sweetness,
and dignity make her a
lovable girl indeed.*

Literary Club, I, II.
Dramatic Club, III, IV.
Glee Club, I, II, III, IV.

*Best of Luck
Betty Jane Fainter*



Mary Jane Woodson
"Janie"

*Being able to study, gather-
ing friends, and racking to-
gether A's are all in her
favor.*

Literary Club, I, II.
Glee Club, II, III, IV.
F. H. A., I, II, III, IV.

*Best of Luck to
sweet girl.
- June -*



Randolph Lunsford
"Jimmy"

*Tall, curly-haired, and for-
ever grinning.*

Football, I, II, IV
Monogram Club, IV

*Best of Luck
Jimmy Lunsford*



Seniors

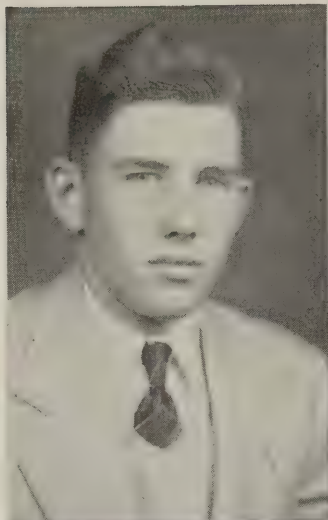
*Look to a
very sweet girl -
Martha*

Samuel M. Johnson

"Sambo"

*He's just a plain nice guy
with loud socks and bash-
ful manner.*

Literary Club, I, II.
Football, I, II, III, IV.
Glee Club, III, IV.
Monogram Club, IV.



Martha L. Reynolds

"Molly"

*A smile and a helping
hand to offer anyone, any
time.*

Literary Club, I, II.
Glee Club, II.
F. H. A., IV.
Baseball, II.
Librarian, IV.



Mildred G. Tolley

"Milly"

*One hundred per cent re-
spect from her classmates
for her earnest, straight-
forward ways.*

Literary Club, I, II.
Glee Club, II.
F. H. A., III, IV.

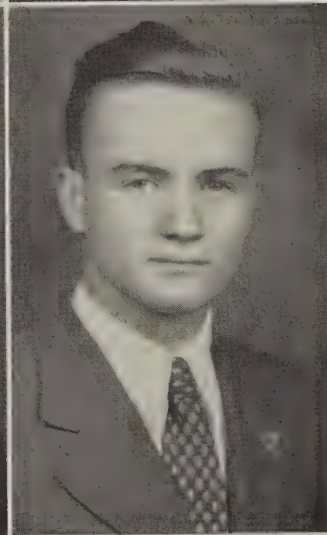


Bernard E. Patterson

"Pat"

*"Say little, see much." Shy
bashful Pat sticks to this
rule.*

Literary Club, I, II.
Football, I, II.
Baseball, I.
Basketball, I, II, III.

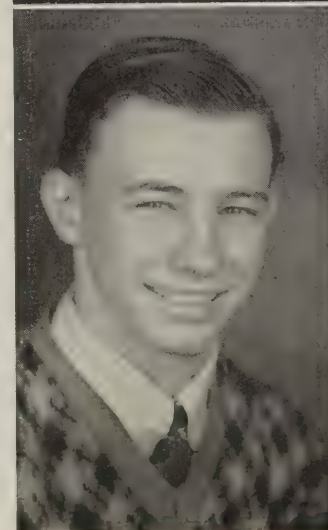


William C. Pollock

"Billy"

*A "kinda-nice" pest—this
gangling slab of perpetual
motion.*

Literary Club, I, II, IV.
Dramatic Club, I, II, III,
IV.
Photographic Editor of
Span, IV.
Humor Editor of Bridge
Bulletin, IV.
Football, III, IV.
Basketball, IV.
Track, III, IV.
Monogram Club, IV.
Cheering Squad, II.



Mildred E. Thompson

"Mil"

*"Better be small and shine,
than large and cast a
shadow."*

Literary Club, I, II, IV.
Secretary-Treasurer, I.
Dramatic Club, I, II, III,
IV.
Reporter, II.
Glee Club, I, II, III, IV.
F. H. A., II, III, IV.
Secretary, IV.
Assistant Editor of Span,
IV.
Feature Editor of Bridge
Bulletin, IV.
Basketball, III, IV.
Captain, IV.
Vice-President of Class, I.



*Good luck always
Mildred*

*Good Luck
always
Billy Pollock*

Seniors

*From Junior
Senior of Junior*

Audrey M. Blackburn
"Sissie"

The pint-sized, lovable gal that's "veddy-veddy" feminine.

Literary Club, I, II.
Glee Club, I, II, III, IV.
Sports Editor of Span, IV.
F. H. A., IV.
Basketball, IV.

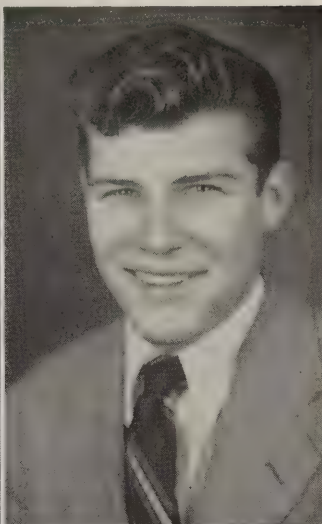


Jerry W. Alford
"Punk"

With his cosmopolitan air, but thoroughly lovable way, he makes a hit wherever he goes.

Editor of Span, IV.
Dramatic Club, I, II, III, IV.

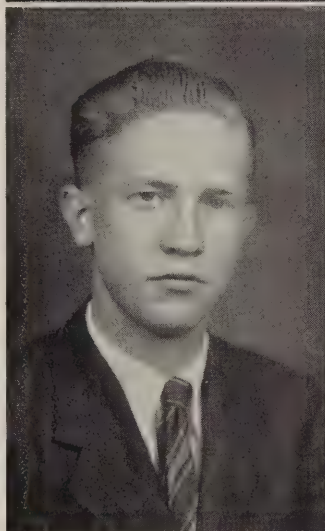
President, IV.
Glee Club, I, II, IV.
President, II.
Football, I, II, IV.
Basketball, II.
Monogram Club, IV.



Henry Lee Bryant
"Lightnin'"

He holds the honor of being the only blonde male in the class of '47.

Monogram Club, IV.
Basketball, III, IV.
Football, III, IV.
Baseball, IV.



Nova Christine Bolt
"Shortie"

The immortal beanie-wearer, with unparalleled efficiency.

Literary Club, I, II.
Dramatic Club, I, II, III, IV.

Glee Club, I, II, III.
F. H. A., III, IV.
Humor Editor of Bridge Bulletin, IV.
Circulation Manager of Span, IV.

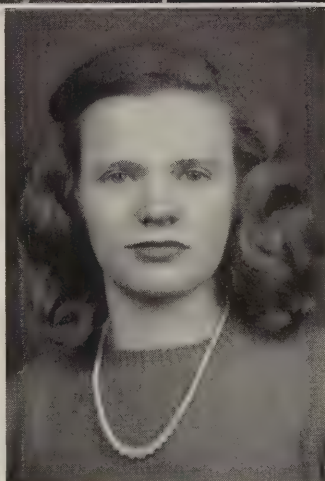


*Best of luck.
Nova*

Frances Blackburn
"Puggy"

Our class blonde with the whistlebait figure and the knack for beatin' out boogie.

Literary Club, I, II.
Dramatic Club, I, II, III, IV.
Secretary, IV.



Glee Club, I, II, III, IV.
School Pianist, II, III, IV.
F. H. A., II, IV.
Cheering Squad, III, IV.

Class History



Every year, as is customary, the senior class presents to posterity, a written record of activities known as the "class history." The Senior Class of '47, wanting to be a little different, decided to label their goings-on as "The Diary." We're going to let you, faithful reader, take a peep here and there. So let's turn to page one—

Freshman, 1943.

Dear Diary:

Today, we frosh, 52 in number, pushed through the front door of N. B. H. S. Oh, but we are green! Right from the start we have an idea of what it's going to be like. Superior upper-classmen looked down the wide lengths of their noses, and sniffed, "Upstarts"! Did that phase us? Why, heck no! Right away we set about getting things organized by electing Jane Whittington, president of the A and B sections. Student Council representatives are: A, Frances Blackburn, Fred Lotts; B, Jane Whittington and Wilson Watts. —We are under the maternal auspices of McSwain and Moore. —Tonight we had a gay little mid-winter party, complete with an "ama-toor" show. —What a crackerjack of a Christmas chapel program Dickens' "Christmas Carol" turned out to be! "Cork" made such a cute Scrooge!—

Timidly,
The Freshman Class of '44.

Sophomore, 1944.

Dear Diary:

A peppy little red-head whom we called "Keeley" and fell in love with immediately (whether we'll admit it or not) is homerooming us "Sophs". —We make about 50 per cent of the school's noise, but we are, nevertheless, a class that has already begun to turn heads. —Four "Sophs" on the cheerleading squad. (Good 'nuff, Pals!) —Whittington elected class president, Barbara Dod and Wilson Watts were picked as Student Council representatives. —"Sniff"! Today we lost "Bug" Carr to the Army. 'Bye, Red! —Pardon the chuckle, but we just put on a war-stamp show that had the whole school in stitches; written and produced solely by the class, too! —Just as a big new moon rose over the athletic field, we had a "red-hot special" weiner roast. Main exclamations of the evening were: "What! Food?" "What food!" "What food?"—

Rambunctiously,
The Sophomore Class of '45.

Juniors, 1945

Dear Diary:

Excuse our tears on this page—just mourning 'cause we didn't get to give the annual Junior Class Play—Oh well, all is forgotten—Evans Thompson is class president and we're trying out a new discipline system, making it easy for Mrs. B. (B. is for Braford) —We're still such a giddy bunch that when we gave the Columbus Day program yesterday, it turned out to be a wonder, with a red wool-stockinged Isabella who had a mania for Donald Duck comic books, and "Old Chris" and his crew who set sail in a huge pasteboard box and sang, "Show Me the Way To Go Home"! —Peroxided "skunk locks" are all the rage, and every other word is "natch" or "but def".—"Partying" plans hit a new high when we treated the Seniors to a memorable "Mistle-toe Figure" dance. Truly a most gala affair!

Sincerely,
The Junior Class of '46.

Seniors, 1946

Dear Diary:

Here we are! Thirty-nine sun-tanned and more-mature-than-before seniors thronging Room 204. —There's the added thrill of welcoming back husky "vets"—Jerry, Petie, Preston, Lloyd and Ballard. —M. J. W., what a nice late-fall party for the class! —"Senor" Jimmy Snider got "greetings" from the president. —"Shorty" was elected head of the class today. —W&L "vet's" wife, Mrs. Jane Judy does the job of sponsoring us this year. (Does a swell job, too!) Whitt and Preston are governmental reps. —Thanks, Juniors, for the honeysweet April drag you gave us. —A marvelous time was had by all on that much-dreamed-about trip to Washington, D. C. —The Senior Play? A pure theatrical delight! —Didn't you love the "swish" at the formal banquet?—and the Class Prom? Mmmmm. —And now the climax! Tonight four years worth of dreams came true! When those diplomas touched our hands, we didn't know whether to laugh or cry.—

It's been great, gang. Whatever's ahead for us, it can't compare somehow with these past years we've had together. So let's just say, —"So long, be seeing you around!"

Tenderly,
The Senior Class of '47.

Last Will and Testament



We, the Senior Class of Natural Bridge High School, being of sound mind and body, do hereby make, publish and declare this to be our last will and testament.

Mildred Alford wills her ability to talk to Regina Lawhorne.

Jerry Alford wishes to leave his acting ability to Nat Massie.

Audrey Blackburn leaves, with pleasure, her pint-sized height to Dorothy Slough.

Frances Blackburn wills her talent for piano playing to Helen Huffman.

Nova Bolt bequeaths her businesslike manner of getting things done to Dean Wells.

Rae Nell Burks leaves "just half" of her love for reading to Virginia Claytor.

Hilda Bywaters bequeaths her knack of "catching a man and keeping him" to Margaret Harrison.

Henry Bryant leaves his ready blush to Wert Faulkner.

Gladys Camden wishes to bequeath her "always" genuine smile to Bessie Reynolds.

"Bal" Clark wills his quiet "gentlemanly" ways to Rudolph Claytor.

Frances Cash leaves her "gallant" giggle to Gladys Link.

Dorman Camden wishes to leave his "master mind" to Eddie Grow.

Preston Campbell wills his "cunning grin" to James Arthur.

Carol Desper wishes to bequeath her "easy to manage" wavy hair to Ruby La Rue.

Barbara Dod bequeaths all of her "cheerleading energy" to Ruby Fainter.

Betty Fainter leaves her quietness to Jean Leech.

Lester Fainter wishes to leave his "goal getting" ability to William Newell.

Lucille Ferguson leaves her job as Program Chairman to Edith McManamay.

Talmadge Kidd bequeaths his ability to tell "corny" jokes to Boyd Mitchell.

Sam Johnson leaves his talkative manner to Leo Irvine.

William Leighton leaves his "giant height" to Henry Miller.

Dexter Lunsford leaves his ability to "say what he thinks" to Jackie Hannah.

Randolph Lunsford wills his pretty wavy hair to Price Hodges.

Bernard Patterson leaves his shy quietness to Toby Garret.

Billy Pollock leaves his "pesty" ways to Maynard Fainter.

Martha Reynolds wills her librarian duties to Marian Thompson.

James Smith leaves his "unspoken words" to Leonard Tolley.

Frank Spencer bequeaths his bright remarks to Joe Perkins.

Mildred Thompson wills her ability to "fly" around the basketball court to Maxine Watts.

Mildred Tolley leaves her ability to "soak in" history to Laura Leigh Riley.

Evans Thompson wills his secret of how to "get teachers off the subject" to anyone who wants to take the chance.

June Watkins leaves her quiet, earnest personality to Flora Ferguson.

Mary Jane Woodson wills her record of all A's to Mildred Claytor.

Wilson Watts bequeaths his ability to make speeches to Loyd Thompson.

Jane Whittington leaves her ready smile to Betty Goodwin.

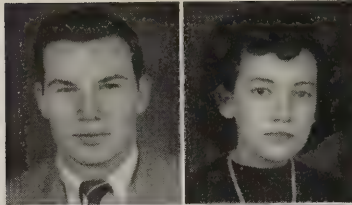
We, the Seniors, wish to leave our athletic talent to the school, and as Mr. Strickler quotes, "Leave your wagging tongues to the Seniors of '48."

We wish to leave to Mr. Strickler our hopes for a very successful future.

To our faculty we wish to leave our expressions of gratitude for the splendid work they have done in guiding and teaching us.

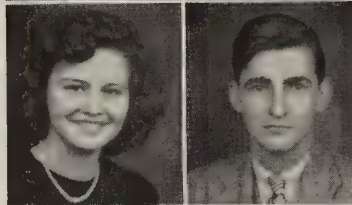
Who's Who

*Most Likely
To Succeed*



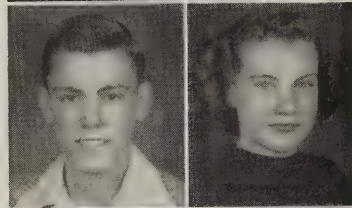
Frank Spencer
Jane Whittington

Most Accomodating



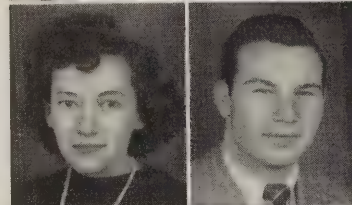
Lucille Ferguson
Ballard Clarke

Most Dependable



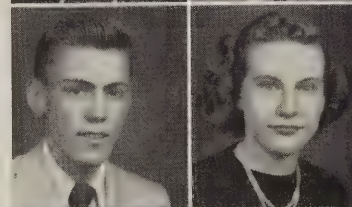
Wilson Watts
Mary Jane Woodson

Most School Spirit



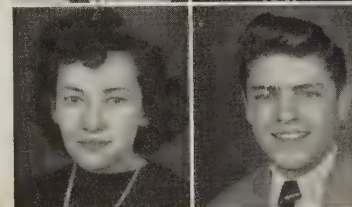
Jane Whittington
Frank Spencer

Most Studious



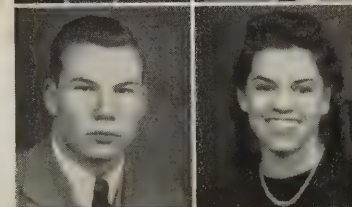
Wilson Watts
Mary Jane Woodson

Best Personality



Jane Whittington
Dorman Camden

Most Athletic



Frank Spencer
Mildred Thompson

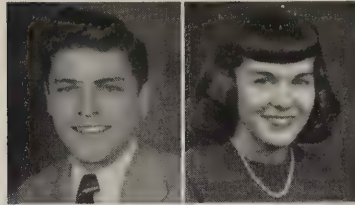
Best All Round



Jane Whittington
Wilson Watts

Little Who's

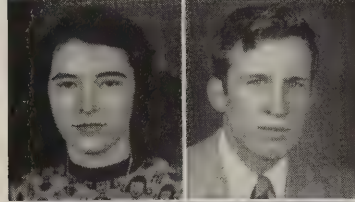
Best Looking



Dorman Camden

Barbara Dod

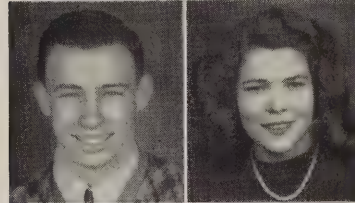
Most In Love



Hilda Bywaters

Dexter Lunsford

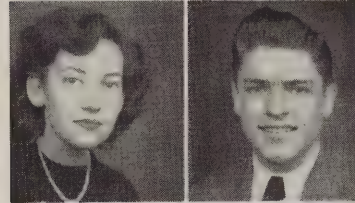
Biggest Pest



Billy Pollock

Mildred Alford

Most Popular



Jane Whittington

Dorman Camden

Cutest



Sam Johnson

Frances Cash

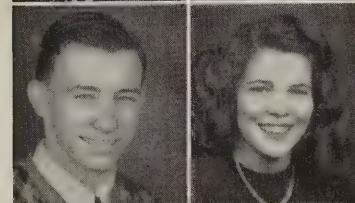
Wittiest



Jane Whittington

Talmadge Kidd

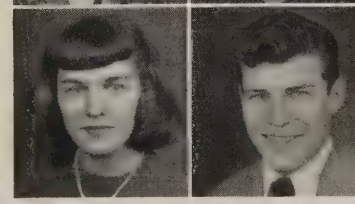
Biggest Flirt



Billy Pollock

Mildred Alford

Most Attractive



Barbara Dod

Jerry Alford

Senior Snapshots





JUNIORS

Juniors



First Row: (left to right) Henry Miller, Helen Huffman, William Newell, Regina Lawhorne, Joe Perkins.

Second Row: Ruby La Rue, Norvell Woodward, Jean Leech, Loyd Thompson, Gladys Link.

Third Row: Leonard Tolley, Mary Moore, Dorothy Slough, Bessie Reynolds, Laura Leigh Riley.

Fourth Row: Marian Thompson, Maxine Watts, Dean Wells.

Camera Shy Juniors

Johnnie Stoner

Eddie Watts

Rudolph Claytor

History

Glimpses of historic events of the Class of '48 will be shown in the following scenes, as taken from classroom drama of the year.



THE MOTHERLESS JUNIORS

SCENE I

Place: N. B. H. S., Room 202 *Time:* First day of School
Characters: The Juniors and Mrs. White

Mrs. White: (coming into the Junior Room) "Children, children! Take your seats."

(The 49 pupils nobly refrain from picking up the seats according to directions and sit down quietly, thus "getting the year off" to a good start.)

SCENE II

Place: Room 202 *Time:* September 15, 1946
Characters: Juniors and Mrs. White

Mrs. White: "The floor is now open for nominations of Class officers."

(Two or three weeks later, same place and characters)

Mrs. White: "Well, at last! We have finally elected officers."

SCENE III

Place: Football game *Time:* Fall
Characters: Junior Cheering Section

Cheering Juniors: "Yea for Wert and Henry and Jim!
Carry that ball with pep and vim.
Hold 'em! Toby, Price and Boyd,
Win and we'll be overjoyed!"

SCENE IV

(Room 202, later in the year)
From one corner——

Jean: "Boo, hoo, hoo! Nobody loves us any more.
Mrs. White has left and nobody will take her place."
Pete: "Don't cry, Jean. I still love you."

From another corner——

Marion: "Why so sad, Maxine?"
Maxine: (Sighing) "What's wrong with the Juniors?
Nobody wants to teach us and even the boys in our
own room pick girls from other classes."

Marion: "That's right. Toby went to the Class of
'47 and Price, clear back to the Class of '46."
(Blue Curtain)

SCENE V

(Still Later)

(A cute little blonde walks into Room 202 with Mr. Strickler.)

Mr. Strickler: "This is Mrs. Clayton from California, who has come to take charge of you."

Mrs. Clayton: (After Mr. Strickler leaves) "And my interest lies at W&L. I'll only be able to be with you half of each day."

Mary: "But who'll take care of us after you leave?"

(Enter Mrs. Moore in time to hear her)

Mrs. Moore: "Don't worry, Mary, I'll look after you."

Juniors: "Goody, goody!"

Mrs. Moore: "Children! Let's whisper."

Rudolph: (Jumping to feet) "But we're so glad to have you, Mrs. Moore."

Mrs. Moore: "You little 'ole boy, sit down!"

SCENE VI

Nat: (As he walks out of Junior Room) "So long, Juniors, I'm off to the Navy."

Juniors: "Good luck, Nat. We'll miss you a lot. We hope the Navy takes good care of you for us."

Mrs. Moore: "Children! Let's whisper."

SCENE VII

Place: Room 202 *Time:* Spring, '47
Characters: Juniors & Mr. S.

Mr. Strickler: "Then does everybody agree that this sample is the ring you want?"

Wert: "I liked the other one better. The one with the purple and pink stone—and the green and yellow letters."

Mr. S: Wert, you're outnumbered, 43 to 1. Any more comments?"

Mildred: "When mine comes I'll be so proud I won't even take it off to wash my hands."

Ruby L: "I won't even let my best boy friend try it on."

Leonard: "And no girl will ever get hands on mine."

Toby: "Bosh, I know a '47 ring that will be a wonderful swap for my '48 one."

SCENE VIII

Place: History Class *Time:* April 11
Characters: Juniors & Mr. Burger

Henry: "That's my girl you invited, Moto."

Moto: "That's what you think. First come: first served."

Betty C.: "What dress are you wearing tonight, Betty Goodwin?"

Betty G.: "I'm wearing my Navy blue, naturally. The fleet's in."

Mr. Burger: "All right class, the prom isn't until tonight. Let's get back to history. Henry, when was the war of 1812?"

Henry: 1932, I believe."

SCENE IX

Place: Room 202 *Time:* Last Day of School
Characters: Juniors

All together: "We are Seniors. We hope that we can take our places with dignity of Seniors and carry with us the same co-operative spirit which has guided us through previous school years."

Thumb Nail Sketches

NAME	NICKNAME	PET EXPRESSION	LIKES	NOTED FOR	AMBITION
1. Mrs. Clayton	"Sal"	"Oh, My"	music	being married	housewife
2. Mrs. Moore	"Mama"	"All right, you little ole boys"	flowers and chil- dren	kindness	to teach
3. James Arthur	"Jimmy"	"Maybe"	horses	talking	to be a mechanic
4. Bernice Altizer	"Al-teaser"	"My Day"	candy	her pretty dresses	to be a farmerette
5. Corrine Austin	"Susie"	"Gee Whiz"	blue-eyed boys	plane geometry	be a nurse
6. Edwin Bare	"Pete"	"Good Golly"	"leeches"	big mouth	get married
7. Betty Campbell	"Boot"	"Shoot"	ice cream	anything	be a singer
8. Mildred Claytor	"Claytor"	"My eye"	blonde hair and blue eyes	roughness	help Jean be a good housewife
9. Rudolph Claytor	"Hooks"	"Yeah they do"	library	smoking	get "A" on history
10. Virginia Claytor	"Sis"	"Oh, keep quiet"	candy	eating	make good grades
11. Maynard Fainter	"Shinola"	"My golly"	girls	going to movies	work in store
12. Ruby Fainter	"Pee-wee"	"Shucks"	boys	size	be a nurse
13. Worthington Faulkner	"Butch"	"My dame"	mademoiselles	driving	grow up
14. Flora Ferguson	"Flo"	"Are you kidding?"	bananas	smiling	get a guy I want
15. Toby Garrett	"Little Red Head"	"Ah, look"	"Tom-(sons)"	letter writing	spend more time at Stoneleigh
16. Betty Goodwin	"Betty Jack"	"Oh, my gosh"	sailor	absence from school	meet a man like Robert Mitchum
17. Edwin Grow	"Muscles"	"Confound it"	to travel	raising rabbits	life of freedom
18. Jackie Hannah	"Hansboro"	"No kidding"	to eat	bashfulness	to be a mechanic
19. Margaret Harrison	"Mag"	"My goodness"	brown eyes	her quietness	to be a secretary
20. Price Hodges	"Head"	"Oh heck, Joyce"	short dames	hair cuts	civil engineer
21. Helen Huffman	"Het"	"My Day"	strawberries	quietness	to be the first woman President
22. Regena Lawhorn	"Gena"	"Holy cow"	chocolate candy	dependability	to master sewing
23. Ruby La Rue	"Rube"	"My cow"	boys	big mouth	to be a housewife
24. Jean Leech	"Peach"	"For Pete's sake"	basketball	good grades in geometry	be a good housewife
25. Gladys Link	"Links"	"So what"	school	quietness	to make better grades
26. William Lomax	"Bill"	"Oh, my aching back"	beautiful women	being lazy	keep on being lazy
27. Catherine Lomax	"Kitty"	"Golly"	dancing	palm reading	court reporter
28. Nat Massie	"Salty" or "Mate"	"All fouled up"	outdoor life	boat racing	go to sea
29. James McCullough	"Jim"	"Oh, gee"	football	height	graduate from N. B. H. S.
30. Henry Miller	"Speedy"	"Aw, heck"	track	running	to graduate
31. Edith McManamay	"Toodles"	"Say, you"	basketball	write ups	to live where the snow doesn't drift
32. Boyd Mitchell	"Heavy"	"Aw shucks"	beautiful women	quietness	to be an engineer
33. Mary Moore	"Ann"	"Aw see"	little bit of nothing	green eyes	to be a nurse
34. William Newell	"Bill"	"Aw shucks"	basketball	loafing	to graduate
35. Joseph Perkins	"Joe"	"Golly Ned"	blue eyes and blonde hair	high grades in history	to be an engineer
36. Bessie Reynolds	"Susie"	"Imagine that"	to embroider	disliking nicknames	continue to embroider
37. Laura Leigh Riley	"Jackie"	"That's what I like about the South"	horses	foolishness	marry a man like Cornell Wilde
38. Dorothy Slough	"Dot"	"Shucks"	butterseotch pies	brown eyes	marry a handsome man
39. Johnnie Stoner	"Stonie"	"Heck, no"	movies	good student	to finish school
40. Loyd Thompson	"Rabbit"	"You don't say"	cheese	for size	to be a sailor
41. Marian Thompson	"Tootie"	"Good night"	pineapple cake	sewing	dress designing
42. Leonard Tolley	"Moto"	"Like heck you say"	chocolate sodas and 13	tact in dealing with people	to be free
43. Edward Watts	"Eddie"	"Good golly, Ned"	most anything	being late to school	to be an artist
44. Maxine Watts	"Max"	"Heck"	chocolate sundaes	rosy cheeks	go to college
45. Dean Wells	"Deannie"	"Oh, Petie"	plenty of fun	jitter bugging	finish high school
46. Norvell Woodward	"Buzzard Bait"	"Heck, no"	eating	loafing	to be a millionaire

Junior Snapshots





SOPHOMORES

Sophomores

Where are the Sophomores? Didn't you know? There just aren't any! The new twelve-grade system has us all guessing as to who will be left out next year. Poor Juniors! We'll miss you! Guess time will tell whether or not we will eventually become accustomed to the new "fandangles" of modern education.

Congratulations to . . .

Members of the Graduating Class of
1947



Blue Ridge Division of the

JAMES LEES & SON CO., Inc.



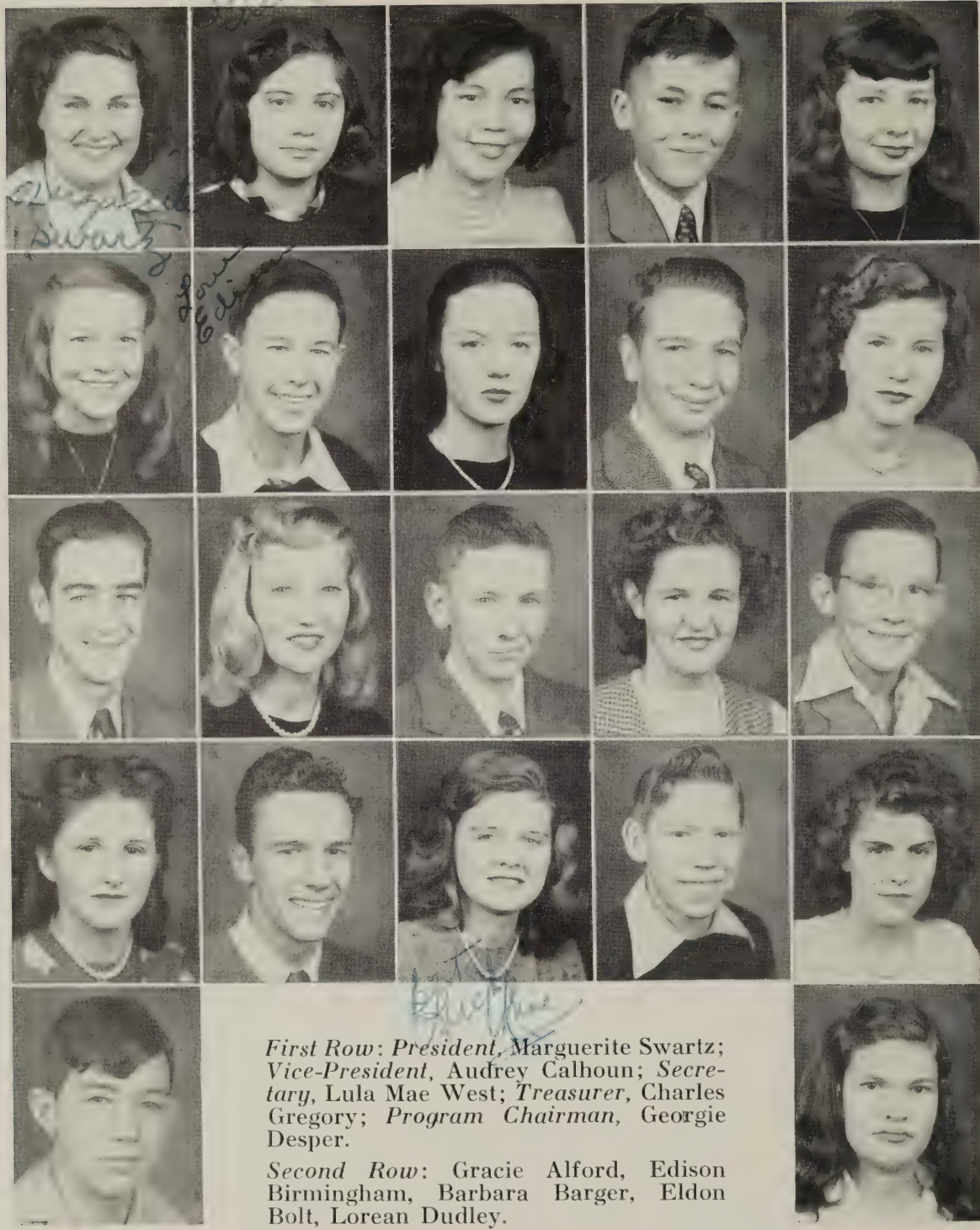
GLASGOW

VIRGINIA



FRESHMEN

Don't you wish
 you had a friend
 like Audrey?
Freshmen



First Row: President, Marguerite Swartz; Vice-President, Audrey Calhoun; Secretary, Lula Mae West; Treasurer, Charles Gregory; Program Chairman, Georgie Desper.

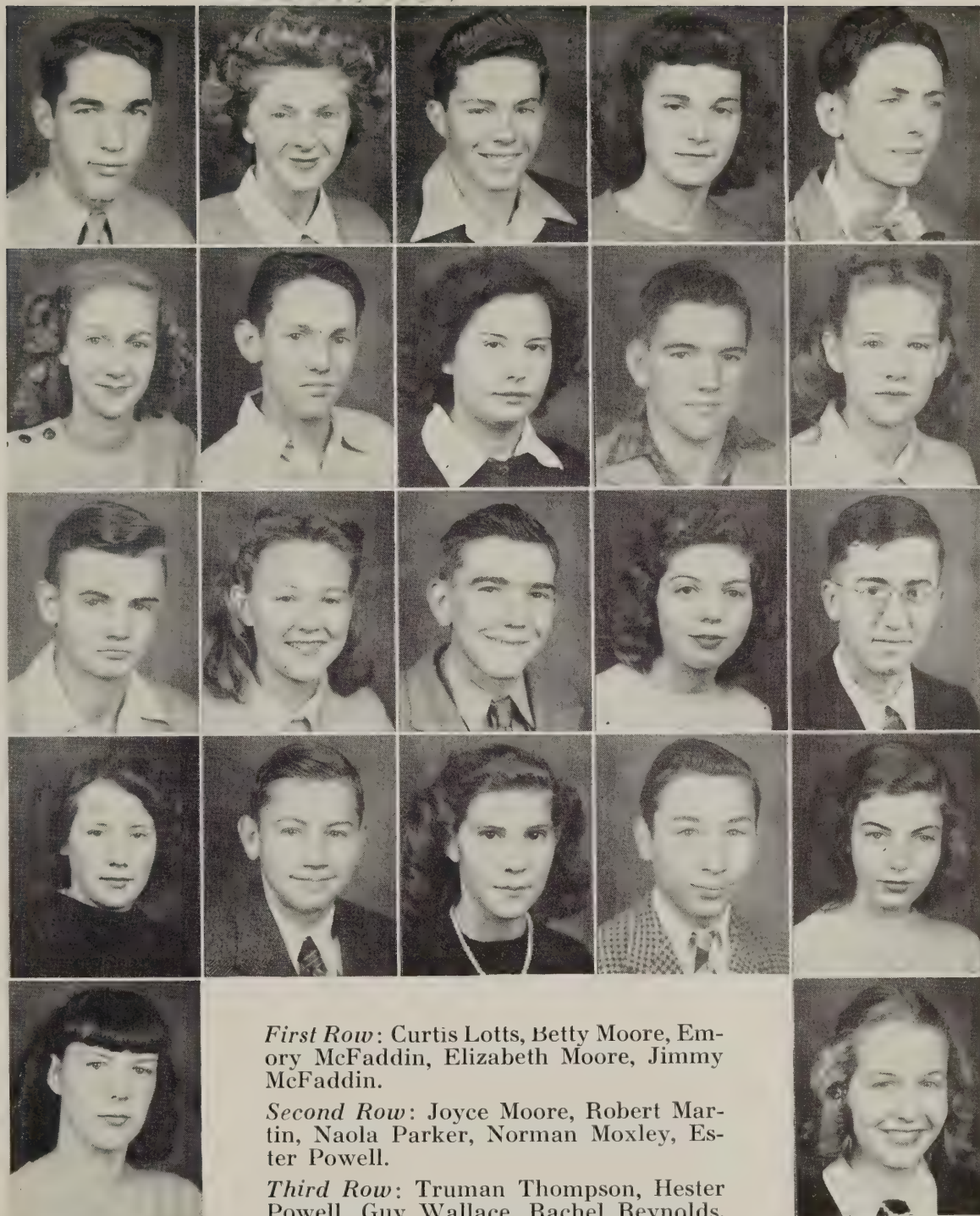
Second Row: Gracie Alford, Edison Birmingham, Barbara Barger, Eldon Bolt, Lorean Dudley.

Third Row: Thomas Branch, Phyllis Huffman, Edward Coffey, Doris Johnson, Fred Fainter.

Fourth Row: Gale Leech, Marshall Flint, Anne Lewis, Franklin Garrett, Virginia Marshall.

Fifth Row: Lloyd Glenn, Frances Mayo.

*Loads
of
Everything* **Freshmen**



First Row: Curtis Lotts, Betty Moore, Emory McFaddin, Elizabeth Moore, Jimmy McFaddin.

Second Row: Joyce Moore, Robert Martin, Naola Parker, Norman Moxley, Ester Powell.

Third Row: Truman Thompson, Hester Powell, Guy Wallace, Rachel Reynolds, John Whiteside.

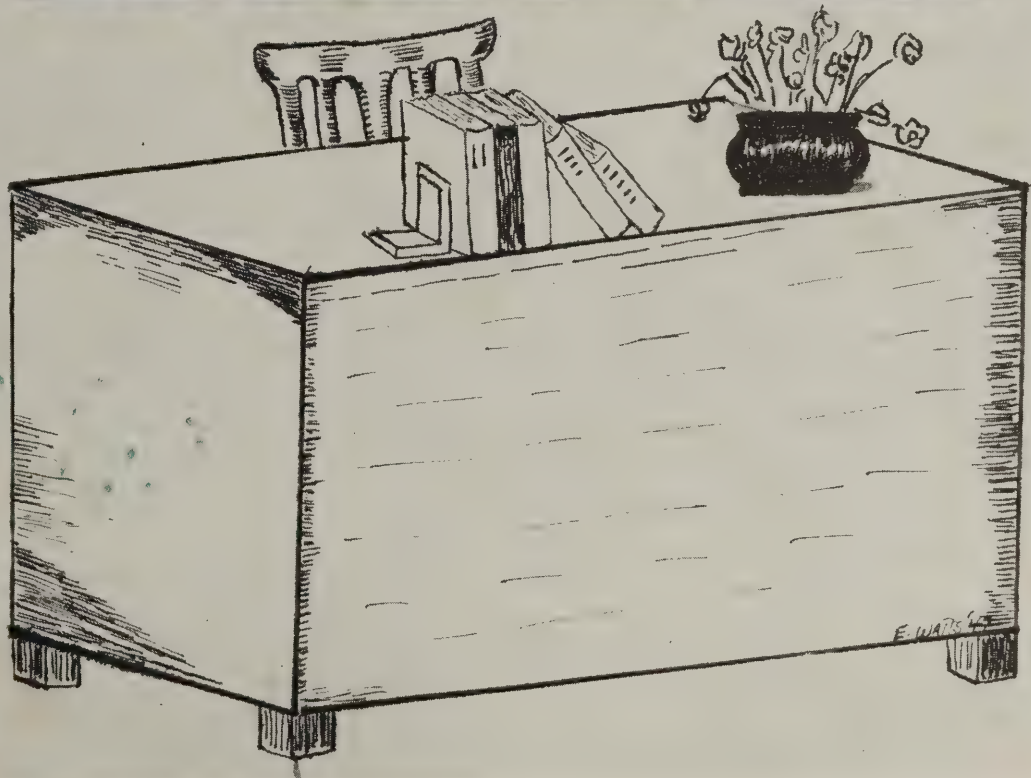
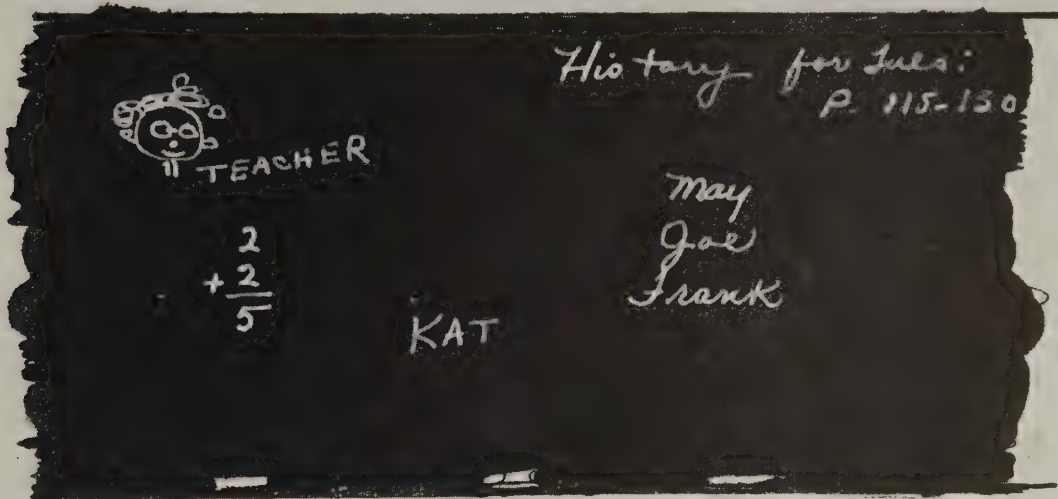
Fourth Row: Mildred Rhodes, Ray Reynolds, Frances Stoner, Jackie Perkins, Joan Thompson.

Fifth Row: Doris Watts, Peggy Woodson.

*Good
luck.
Always
Joan
T.
Loads
of
Sweet
Peggy*

Freshmen Snapshots





EIGHTH GRADE

Eighth Grade

Best of
everything
to a sweet
girl.
Jimmy



Looking to
all your
as you
Helen B.

Catherine
B.
Sincerest
wishes for
lots of
good luck
and the
best of
everything
Love -
Barbara
and

Best of
everything
to a sweet
girl.
Jimmy

SONNY
GILMORE
I hope you liked
the picture. Remember
I'll you have a friend always.
Joan
and

First Row, (left to right): Jack Authur, Helen Austin, William Baldock, Willie Pearl Austin, Jimmy Barger, Grey Blackburn.

Second Row: Maurice Blackburn, Helen Blackburn, James Bryant, Tressie Bowen, Bobby Claytor, Catherine Brown.

Third Row: Billy Coffey, Betty Jean Campbell, Alvin Ferguson, Barbara Cash, James Firebaugh, Clarice Cash.

Fourth Row: Curtis Fitzgerald, Dorothy Coffey, Harry Funkhouser, Evelyn Coleman, Sonny Gilmore, Catherine Critzer.

Fifth Row: Teddy Hale, Joan Dod, Harvey Hickman.

Eighth Grade



First Row, (left to right) : Kate Fainter, Ward Johnson, Phyllis Fleming, John Lewis, Judy Garrett, Hampton Lotts.

Second Row: Gladys Ginger, Francis Major, Nancy Grow, Roy Martin, Deloris Hickman, Ronald McCullough.

Third Row: Doris Hickman, Marvin McCullough, Frances Johnson, Nathaniel Moore, Bernice Kerr, Edwin Osborne.

Fourth Row: Helen Kerr, Truman Parker, Eula Markham, Roy Reid, Barbara Martin, Arnold Reynolds.

Fifth Row: Theresa Mayo, Eddie Snider, Lucy McManamay.

Eighth Grade

Barbara Bess

Dwight Slough



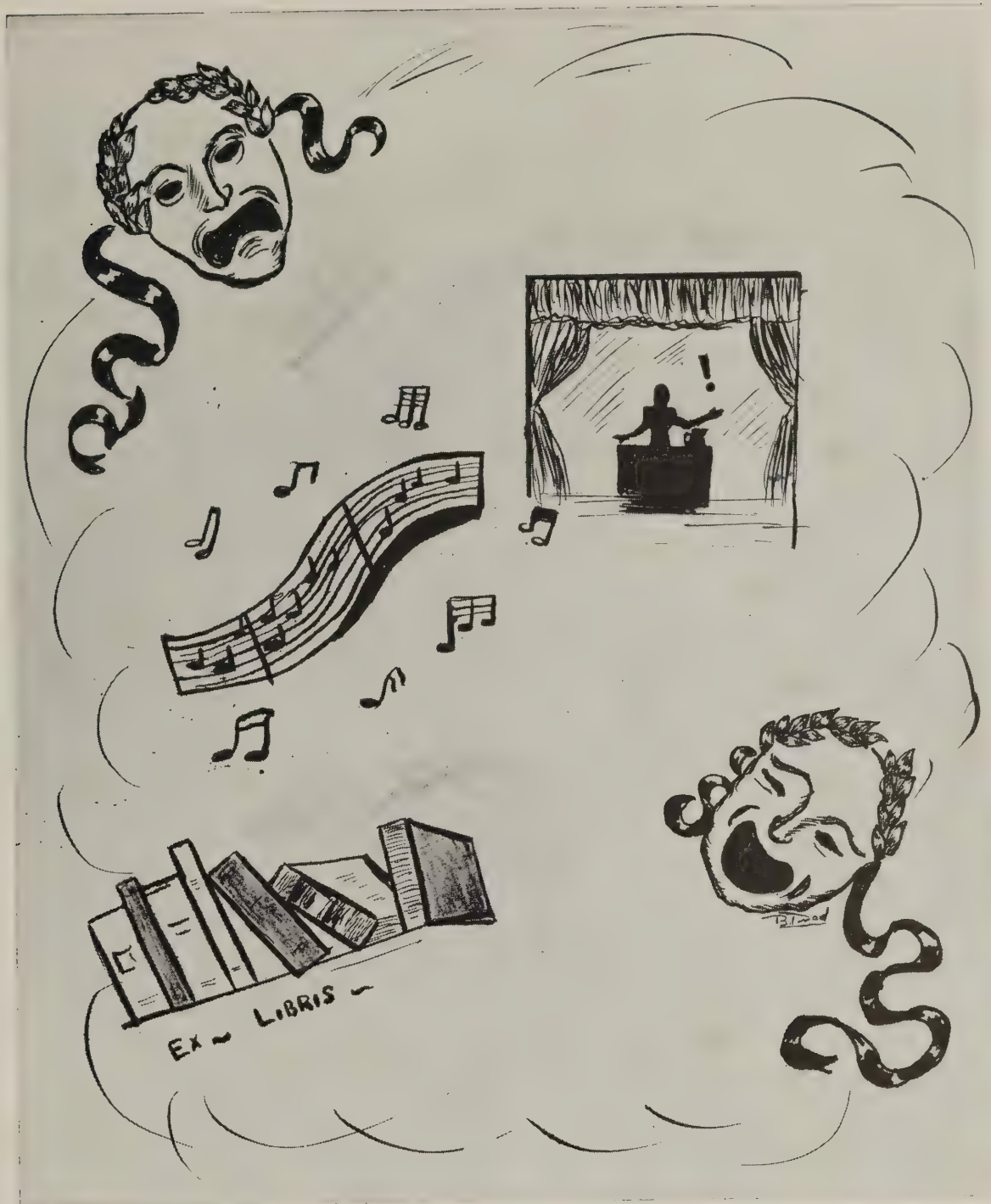
First Row: Robert Shafer, Marion McManamay, Kenneth Tolley, Thelma McDaniel, Dwight Slough, Emily Mohler.

Second Row: Robert Webb, Lois Moore, Betsy Oglesby, Laura Reynolds, Jacob Lunsford, May Rhodes.

Third Row: Leslie Thompson, Osie Rhodes, George Ginger, Nadine Shepherd, Dorothy Smiley, Nadine Thacker.

Fourth Row: Jane Thompson, Frances Wallace, Catherine Watts, Shirley Watkins, Dorothy White, Rachel Wilcher.

Fifth Row: Violet Wilcher, Nellie Worley, Betty Coffey.



ACTIVITIES

"Sunny Hours"

SEPTEMBER: What a big day September 11th turned out to be. School reopened with an enrollment of 225.

Who said the Natural Bridge eleven couldn't win their very first football game? Natural Bridge—12, Eagle Rock—0.

OCTOBER: Football games galore—Cheerleaders, that was a swell weiner roast you gave the football team up on Mount Jefferson just as the sun went down. And say! What about the fun of the football hop sponsored by the Home Economics Department?

NOVEMBER: Did you come to the Freshman party?—Super-duper are the words for it.

Those FHA girls motored to Amherst—fun too. They surely showed the other schools of their Federation how to get their members elected to offices—Dod, President; Thompson, Treasurer.

DECEMBER: The Dramatic Club showed its talent in "Why The Chimes Rang."

The Home Economics party was a honey, too, to say nothing of what the Monogram party turned out to be.

In spite of snow and bad weather, everyone had a swell holiday.

That very first girls' basketball game with the experienced Lexington High School team gave the Natural Bridge girls some valuable pre-season experience.

JANUARY: New Year's Resolutions were made—some broken, some forgotten, some fulfilled.

In spite of examinations, a lot of guys and gals turned out to begin hard work for the scheduled basketball season.

FEBRUARY: A swell fashion show the Home Economics girls gave for chapel—Excellent Junior program, too.

Valentines floated around all day on February 14th—Hearts on sleeves!

That's O. K., Kids, even if basketball season is over, you've won enough games for old N. B. to be proud of you.

MARCH: So-o-o much can happen in the spring. The young mens' fancies turned to love and the Junior girls' fancies turned to a swell surprise party for the Junior boys.

That cake walk!—and a super-delicious Eighth Grade party, to say nothing of the three one act plays given by the Dramatic Club made March an exciting month.

And *THE SPAN* went to press too! !

The District Literary Contest was held March 29th.

APRIL: The Senior trip to Washington was a super one, too.

Gosh, that Junior-Senior party was one never to be forgotten. Thanks to the Juniors!

Everyone is still laughing about that donkey basketball game.

MAY: My, but no talent was wasted in that Senior play. The Seniors were proud as punch over it.

How about the Federation meeting, FHA girls? Pretty "Chick" wasn't it? . . . Such an array of gals in spring frocks!

Spring exams—Oh, dear! Do we or don't we . . . ?

JUNE: That was a divine banquet for the Seniors. The swish of formals—Gee Whiz!

That final issue of the *BRIDGE BULLETIN* had the school in an uproar!

The Glee Club really showed talent in the well-selected songs for Commencement.

Those poor, dignified Seniors, smiling through tears, not knowing whether to laugh or cry. Graduation was wonderful and yet so sad. The rest of the kids seemed very happy over their vacation.

And *THE SPAN* came out!—Really did!

Glee Club



The Glee Club, under the direction of Mr. Robert G. See, Jr., began its activities of the year on October 29 by electing the following:

<i>President</i>	Evans Thompson
<i>Vice-President</i>	Frank Spencer
<i>Secretary</i>	Price Hodges
<i>Treasurer</i>	Judy Garrett
<i>Librarian & Pianist</i>	Frances Blackburn

The Glee Club took an active part in programs put on by different organizations of the school as follows: the "American Education Week" program—November 14; the Christmas play put on by the Dramatic Club—December 19; other activities in the spring, and finally, Commencement exercises.

MEMBERS

Gracie Alford, Jerry Alford, Mildred Alford, Jack Arthur, Helen Austin, Edison Birmingham, Audrey Blackburn, Charles Blackburn, Frances Blackburn, Grey Blackburn, Helen Blackburn, Eldon Bolt, Hilda Bywaters, Audrey Calhoun, Dorman Camden, Betty Campbell, Barbara Cash, Betty Jean Campbell, Clarice Cash, Frances Cash, Rudolph Claytor, Betty Coffey, Dorothy Coffey, Carol Desper, Barbara Dod, Joan Dod, Betty Fainter, Kate Fainter, Wert Faulkner, Flora Ferguson, Lucille Ferguson, James Firebaugh, Phyllis Fleming, Judy Garrett, Gladys Ginger, Lloyd Glenn, Betty Goodwin, Charles Gregory, Edwin Grow, Teddy Hale, Deloris Hickman, Doris Hickman, Harvey Hickman, Price Hodges, Phyllis Huffman, Sam Johnson, Ward Johnson, Bernice Kerr, Helen Kerr, Regena Lawhorn, Gale Leech, John Lewis, Barbara Martin, Robert Martin, Nat Massie, Frances Mayo, Theresa Mayo, Marvin McCullough, Nancy McCullough, Ronald McCullough, Thelma McDaniel, Betty McFaddin, Jimmy McFaddin, Edith McManamay, Lucy McManamay, Marion McManamay, Henry Miller, Boyd Mitchell, Emily Mohler, Betty Moore, Lois Moore, Nathaniel Moore, Betsy Oglesby, Jackie Perkins, Joe Perkins, Billy Pollock, Arnold Reynolds, Rachel Reynolds, Laura Leigh Riley, Nadine Shepherd, Dot Smiley, James Smith, Eddie Snider, Frank Spencer, Evans Thompson, Joan Thompson, Marian Thompson, Mildred Thompson, Leonard Tolley, Thelma Vest, Frances Wallace, Maxine Watts, Wilson Watts, Rachel Wilcher, Mary Jane Woodson, Peggy Woodson.

Dramatic Club



OFFICERS

President..... Jerry Alford
Vice-President..... Wilson Watts
Secretary..... Frances Blackburn
Treasurer..... Maxine Watts
Sponsors..... Mrs. Judy, Mr. See, Mrs. Clayton

MEMBERS

Gracie Alford, Jerry Alford, Mildred Alford, William Baldock, Barbara Barger, Edison Birmingham, Frances Blackburn, Grey Blackburn, Helen Blackburn, Eldon Bolt, Nova Bolt, Tressie Bowen, Barbara Jeanne Cash, Betty Campbell, Betty Jean Campbell, Audrey Calhoun, Dorman Camden, Betty Coffey, Barbara Dod, Joan Dod, Lorean Dudley, Betty Fainter, Kate Fainter, Lucille Ferguson, James Firebaugh, Phyllis Fleming, Judy Garrett, Lloyd Glenn, Sonny Gilmore, Eddie Grow, Charles Gregory, Betty Goodwin, Teddy Hale, Deloris Hickman, Doris Hickman, Harvey Hickman, Phyllis Huffman, Ward Johnson, Helen Kerr, Talmadge Kidd, Anne Lewis, Gale Leech, John Lewis, Jacob Lunsford, Sarah Lomax, William Lomax, Barbara Martin, Roy Carter Martin, Lucy McManamay, Marion McManamay, Theresa Mayo, Jim McFaddin, Betty Moore, Lois Moore, Mary Moore, Emily Mohler, Betsy Oglesby, Edwin Osborne, William Pollock, Joe Perkins, Arnold Reynolds, Mae Rhodes, Dwight Slough, Dot Smiley, James Smith, Frank Spencer, Nadine Shepherd, Eddie Snider, Jane Thompson, Joan Thompson, Evans Thompson, Mildred Thompson, Leonard Tolley, Mildred Tolley, Thelma Vest, Shirley Watkins, Cathryn Watts, Maxine Watts, Wilson Watts, Dorothy White, Jane Whittington, Peggy Woodson, Frances Worley.

Dramatic Club

The main efforts of the club this year were devoted to work in various groups such as staging, lighting, costuming, and make-up. This was well illustrated in the plays given by the Dramatic Club.

On December 19, 1946, the Dramatic Club presented the Christmas play *Why The Chimes Rang* by Elizabeth McFaddin, with cast as follows:

Holger.....	Judy Garrett
Steen.....	Theresa Mayo (Substitute: Deloris Hickman)
Bertel.....	Jerry Alford
An old woman.....	Jane Whittington
A priest.....	Wilson Watts
A rich man.....	Dorman Camden
A courtier.....	Leonard Tolley
A wealthy woman.....	Barbara Martin
An aged scholar.....	Lloyd Glenn
A young girl.....	Lucy McManamay
The king.....	Evans Thompson
An angel.....	Grey Blackburn

The main production of the year, given on March 28, 1947, was a group of one act plays: *Bargains* by Katherine Kester; *Three Pills In A Bottle* by Rachel Field; and *The Neighbors* by Zona Gale. The casts of the plays are as follows:

BARGAINS

Rene.....	Jane Whittington
The Salesgirl.....	Catherine Watts
Marty.....	Eddie Snider
The Little Old Woman.....	Dot Smiley

THREE PILLS IN A BOTTLE

Tony Sims.....	Charles Gregory
The Widow Sims.....	Mildred Alford
A middle-aged gentleman.....	Dorman Camden
His soul.....	Eddie Grow
A scissors grinder.....	Lloyd Glenn
His soul.....	Jerry Alford
A scrub woman.....	Lorean Dudley
Her soul.....	Frances Blackburn

THE NEIGHBORS

Grandma.....	Betty Moore
Mis' Diantha Abel.....	Grey Blackburn
Ezra Williams.....	Frank Spencer
Peter.....	Wilson Watts
Inez.....	Betty Goodwin
Mis' Elmira Moran.....	Nova Bolt
Mis' Trot.....	Lucy McManamay
Mis' Carry Ellsworth.....	Barbara Dod

Future Homemakers of America



NATURAL BRIDGE CHAPTER

OFFICERS

<i>President</i>	Barbara Dod	<i>Reporter</i>	Joan Thompson
<i>Vice-President</i>	Betty Campbell	<i>Scrap Book Editors</i>	Mary Moore, Frances Cash
<i>Secretary</i>	Mildred Thompson	<i>Sponsor</i>	Mrs. Virginia Tardy
<i>Treasurer</i>	Lucille Ferguson		

ROLL

Gracie Alford, Mildred Alford, Bernice Altizer, Barbara Barger, Audrey Blackburn, Frances Blackburn, Grey Blackburn, Helen Blackburn, Nova Bolt, Tressie Bowen, Rae Nell Burks, Hilda Bywaters, Audrey Calhoun, Gladys Camden, Betty Campbell, Mildred Claytor, Virginia Claytor, Betty Coffey, Dorothy Coffey, Carol Desper, Georgie Desper, Joan Dod, Lorean Dudley, Kate Fainter, Ruby Fainter, Judy Garrett, Betty Goodwin, Deloris Hickman, Doris Hickman, Helen Huffman, Phyllis Huffman, Helen Gay Kerr, Ruby La Rue, Regina Lawhorne, Gale Leech, Jean Leech, Anne Lewis, Eula Markham, Virginia Marshall, Barbara Martin, Frances Mayo, Emlii Mohler, Betty Moore, Lois Moore, Thelma McDaniel, Betty McFaddin, Edith McManamay, Lucy McManamay, Marion McManamay, Betsy Oglesby, Martha Reynolds, Rachel Reynolds, Mildred Rhodes, Osie Rhodes, Nadine Shepherd, Dorothy Slough, Frances Stoner, Marguerite Swartz, Jane Thompson, Mildred Tolley, Thelma Vest, Frances Wallace, June Watkins, Cathryn Watts, Doris Watts, Dean Wells, Lula Mae West, Mary Jane Woodson, Peggy Woodson, Rachel Wilcher.

COLORS

Red & White



FLOWER

Red Rose



F. H. A. CREED

** We are the Future Homemakers of America. We face the future with warm courage and high hope. . .*

. . . for we have the clear consciousness of seeking old and precious values. . .



. . . for we are the builders of homes, homes for America's future. Homes where living will be the expression of everything that is good and fair. . .

. . . Homes where truth, and love, and security, and faith will be realities, not dreams. . .



... WE ARE THE FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA. WE FACE THE FUTURE WITH WARM COURAGE AND HIGH HOPE."

*Official creed of the Future Homemakers of America.

Literary Club



OFFICERS

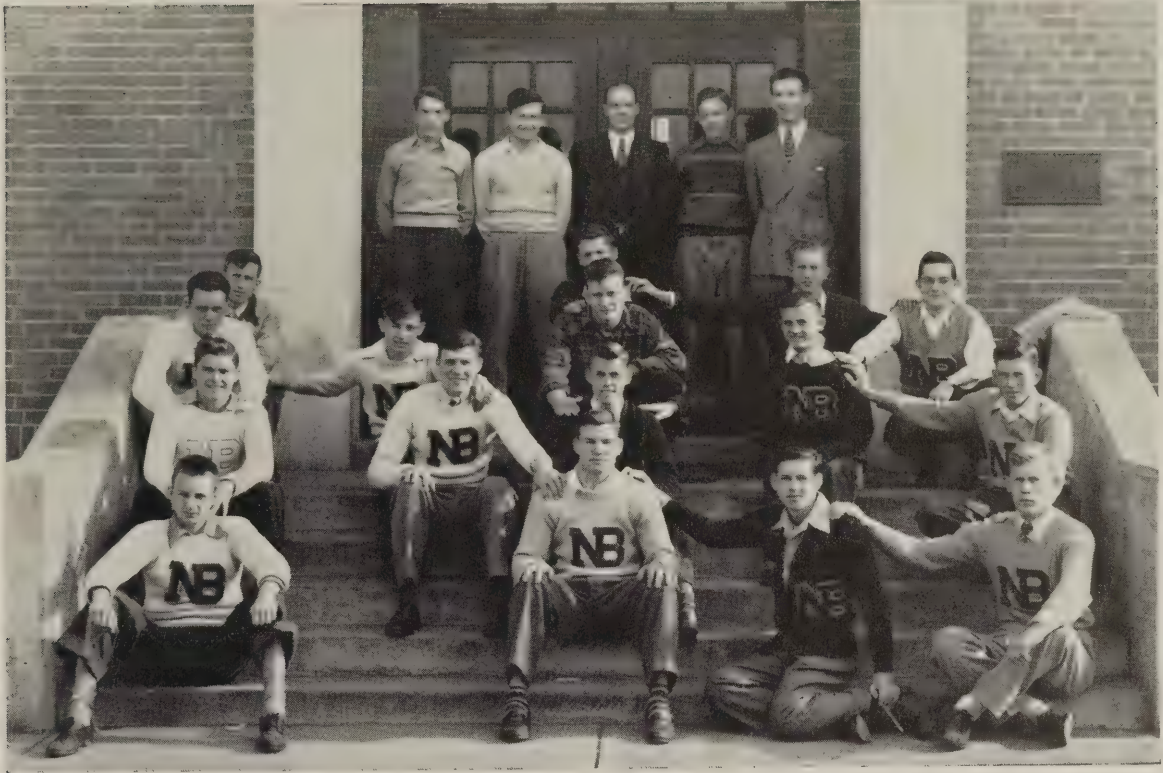
<i>President</i>	Boyd Mitchell
<i>Vice-President</i>	Price Hodges
<i>Secretary</i>	Dorman Camden
<i>Treasurer</i>	Lucille Ferguson
<i>Reporter</i>	Betty Campbell
<i>Sponsor</i>	Mrs. Bernice K. Francis

During the war the Literary Societies were inactive throughout Virginia, but in 1946-47 the Literary Society of Natural Bridge was again organized, this time under the direction of Mrs. Francis. After several months of concentrated work the Natural Bridge contestants met the other schools of the district on March 29. Winners of this contest were sent to Bridgewater to compete in the regional contest. These winners will compete in the state contest at Charlottesville.

MEMBERS

Jerry Alford	Ted Hale	Boyd Mitchell
Dorman Camden	Price Hodges	Betsy Oglesby
Betty Campbell	Phyllis Huffman	Edwin Osborne
Betty Jean Campbell	Helen Kerr	Billy Pollock
Barbara Jean Cash	Talmadge Kidd	Edward Snider
Betty Coffey	Ruby La Rue	Dorothy Smiley
Phyllis Fleming	Johnny Lewis	Joan Thompson
Lucille Ferguson	Theresa Mayo	Marian Thompson
James Firebaugh	Edith McManamay	Mildred Thompson
Judy Garrett	Lucy McManamay	Leonard Tolley
Toby Garrett	Jimmy McFaddin	Maxine Watts
Edwin Grow	Betty Ray Moore	Jane Whittington
Doris Hickman	Mary Moore	Peggy Woodson
	Emily Mohler	

Monogram Club



In the spring of 1946, the boys of N. B. H. S. who had previously received monograms decided to reorganize the Monogram Club. The following officers were elected before school closed, in order that they might be ready for work at the beginning of the fall term:

<i>President</i>	Wilson Watts
<i>Vice-President</i>	Dorman Camden
<i>Secretary</i>	Edwin Bare
<i>Treasurer</i>	Frank Spencer

Many activities have been enjoyed by the Club throughout the year. One of the highlights was the Monogram dance, which was held in the school auditorium during the Christmas holidays. Another exciting time was had by all when a "giddy" little play was presented as a part of a moneymaking program for the school.

In addition to those activities mentioned, there were many others which helped make this club a most enjoyable one.

All of the members wish to express their deepest appreciation and sincere thanks to their sponsor, Mr. Robert Childress for his enduring patience and untiring efforts toward making our 1946-47 club a success.

MEMBERS

Wert Faulkner, Dorman Camden, Randolph Lunsford, Dexter Lunsford, William Pollock, Jerry Alford, Frank Spencer, Wilson Watts, Peston Campbell, James McCullough, Talmadge Kidd, Henry Miller, Henry Bryant, Edwin Bare, Sam Johnson, Maynard Fainter, Curtis Lotts, Evans Thompson, Toby Garrett, Price Hodges.

Library Staff



If you had walked down the halls of Natural Bridge High School in 1939, then again in 1947 and opened the door of the library, you would see a great change had taken place between your visits. Instead of a few hundred books, you would see several thousand. The newspapers, which used to be on a reed stick, are now on a regular newspaper holder. There are all kinds of magazines on a shelf to themselves. Seven sets of reference books are included in the reference collection. One set, "The World Book," was gotten this year. An electric stylus has also been added to make the cataloging more effective. Library permits are being used, which makes it easier for pupils and teachers.

The library isn't all work, however. How could it be when the assistant librarians remember that wonderful party given to them by the librarian, Mrs. Strickler. Although Mrs. Strickler can't be at school all of the time, she has done a grand job in making the library at Natural Bridge High what it is today.

The library staff is composed of the librarian, Mrs. M. P. Strickler, and the following assistants:

Mildred Alford
Audrey Calhoun
Gladys Camden
Frances Cash
Deloris Hickman
Anne Lewis
Betsy Oglesby

Martha Reynolds
Dorothy Smiley
Jane Thompson
Joan Thompson
Maxine Watts
Jane Whittington
Peggy Woodson



Span Staff



In early December, the Senior Class held one of the most important meetings of the year, the purpose of which was to make decisions regarding the election of the staff for the school publication, *THE SPAN*. It was first decided that the staff, with the exception of the class representatives, were to come from the Senior Class. Secondly, the class chose a group of students from which the faculty appointed the four main positions on the staff, namely, editor, two assistant editors and business manager. The other positions were then filled by class appointment.

The staff is as follows:

Editor	Jerry Alford
Assistant Editors.....	{ Lucille Ferguson
	{ Mildred Thompson
Business Manager	Frank Spencer
Class Representative	Rae Nell Burks
Advertising Manager	Dorman Camden
Sports Editors.....	{ Audrey Blackburn
	{ Talmadge Kidd
Photographic Editor	Billy Pollock
Circulation Manager	Nova Bolt
Sponsor.....	Mrs. Virginia Tardy
Assistant Sponsors.....	{ Mrs. Jane Judy
	{ Mr. Dan Burger

On behalf of the school, *THE SPAN* staff wishes to express its appreciation to Mrs. Virginia Tardy, the worthy sponsor of *THE 1946-47 SPAN*. Her willing spirit and untiring efforts have helped to make this publication a success.

We also wish to express our appreciation to Mr. Burger for his splendid leadership in securing ads; to Mrs. Judy for her helpful suggestions; to Barbara Dod and Eddie Watts for their artistic contributions, to Mrs. Jean Braford for her help with the typing; and to all other persons not connected with the staff who have been of assistance in publishing this annual.

The class representatives who assisted the staff are:

Junior: Edith McManamay; *Freshman:* Lloyd Glenn; *Eighth Grade:* Eula Markham, Edward Snyder, William Coffey.

Bridge Bulletin Staff



<i>Editor-In-Chief</i>	Jane Whittington
<i>Assistant Editors</i>	Barbara Dod, Maxine Watts
<i>Feature Editor</i>	Mildred Thompson
<i>Feature Writers</i>	Joan Dod, Barbara Jeanne Cash
<i>Sports Editors</i>	Joan Thompson, Price Hodges
<i>Humor Editors</i>	Nova Bolt, Talmadge Kidd
<i>Exchange Editor</i>	Lucille Ferguson
<i>Proof Reader</i>	Betty Campbell
<i>Assistants</i>	Barbara Jeanne Cash, Wilson Watts
<i>Circulation Manager</i>	Mary Moore
<i>Assistants</i>	Phyllis Fleming, Eddie Grow, Leonard Tolley
<i>Class Reporters</i>	Emily Mohler, Clarice Cash, Betty Jean Campbell, Peggy Woodson, Marion Thompson, Edith McManamay, Rae Nell Burks.
<i>News Reporters</i>	Shirley Watkins, Deloris Hickman, Theresa Mayo, Betsy Oglesby

The "Bridge Bulletin" Staff sent the first number of its eighth volume off to press in October under the capable editorship of Jane Whittington; Barbara Dod and Maxine Watts holding the assistant editorship.

Up through the years the little "B.B." has had a lively history. From a mimeographed periodical of questionable journalism, it has progressed to its present state of being a printed, standard school newspaper.

It has been through the ceaseless work of Mrs. Jane Judy that the "Bulletin" has been such a top-ranking newspaper of its class this year. The "Bridge Bulletin" staff wishes express its deepest appreciation to Mrs. Judy; to Mr. Burger, who so capably handled the advertisements; to Mrs. Francis and Mrs. Hodges, who have given their assistance in innumerable ways.

Dance Is Tonight

Figure Begins 7.30

December 20 is a red letter day at N. B. H. S. Not only does it mark the beginning of Christmas holidays, but an important social event will take place that evening at 7:30 in the high school auditorium. For the first time in the history of the school the Boys' Monogram Club is sponsoring a dance. For those who will be unable to attend, here's a last minute inside scoop on what the dance will be like.

The Decoration Committee, which will consist of the whole club, plans to do a good job of converting the auditorium into a twentieth century Stork Club. There will be an enormous Christmas tree in the center of the auditorium with many-colored Christmas balls, lights, and tinsel. Paper streamers are to be hung from the ceiling to one foot from the floor. It is rumored, too, that mistletoe will be one of the main decorations. (Watch out, girls!) Pine brush will be the basic decorations for the windows, according to the plans, as well as ivory and red candles to set off a typical Christmas scene.

One of the highlights of the evening will be the initiation of the new members of the Monogram Club, who are Toby Garrett, Price Hodges, Evans Thompson and Curtis Lotts. Nobody knows exactly

(Continued on page five)

"Why The Chimes Rang"

The Christmas program this year was put on by the Dramatic and Glee Clubs. The program was presented on the evening of December 19, at which time a play, "Why the Chimes Rang," by Elizabeth McFaddin, adopted from the story of the same name by Raymond McDonald Alden was presented. The Glee Club will sing special music during the program.

The cast of the play is as follows: Holger, a peasant boy, Judy Garrett; Steen, his younger brother, Theresa Mayo; Bertel, their uncle, Jerry Alford; an old woman, Jane Whittington; a priest, Wilson Watts; a rich man, Dorman Camden; a courtier, Leonard Tolley; a wealthy woman, Barbara Martin; an aged scholar, Lloyd Glenn; a young girl, Lucy McManamay; the king, Evans Thompson; an angel, Grey Blackburn.

The play takes place in Europe in the Middle Ages, and various committees, made up of the other members of the Dramatic Club, have been working on staging, lighting, properties, make-up, and costuming in keeping with the setting.

Alford Heads 1947 Span

The staff of the N. B. H. S. annual, The Span, was elected on December 6 at a special meeting of the Senior class. This year the Seniors decided that the whole staff, with the exception of class representatives, should come from the Senior class. In former years some members of other classes have held important positions on the staff.

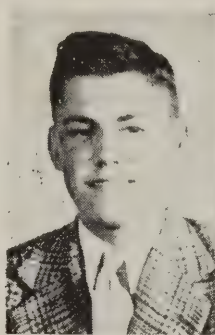
The Seniors first chose a group of members of their class who they thought would make good leaders of the Span staff. Then the Editor, two Assistant Editors, and the Business Manager were selected from the group of chosen seniors by the faculty.

At a second meeting the Seniors elected other members of the staff and their own class representative. All other classes elected their class representatives in the same manner.

The members of the staff are:
Editor..... Jerry Alford
Assistant Editor..... Lucille Ferguson, Mildred Thompson
Business Manager..... Frank Spencer

Club Editor..... Carol Desper
Sports Editors..... Talmadge Kidd, Audrey Blackburn
Photographic Editor..... Billy Pollock
Advertising Manager..... Dorman Camden

(Continued on page two)

Watts Is President
Hodges Elected Vice-President

WILSON WATTS



PRICE HODGES

Wilson Watts and Price Hodges were elected President and Vice-President respectively, of the 1946-47 Student Government Association of Natural Bridge High School on Monday, October 14.

The election was the close of one of the most exciting events in the whole school year. The Vice-President was again chosen from the junior room, and the President from the senior class, but instead of having running mates, as in former years, the presidential and vice-presidential candidates ran on separate tickets.

The following nominees were elected by secret ballot to run for the office of president: Jane Whittington, Dorman Camden, and Wilson Watts. The ones who ran for vice-president were Edith McManamay, Price Hodges, and Joe Perkins. Each candidate chose a campaign manager, and soon the school was almost buried under posters urging voters to "Vote for Watts, the former Mayor of Ben Salem," or "Don't be coo-coo! Vote for Jane Whittington," or "At N. B. where the girls grow tall, Camden is the best and a friend to all." Posters for vice presidential nominees were in evidence too. Some read "Vote for McManamay" or "What's up, Doc? Perkins is the man," or "If you have any

brains, you'll vote for Price Hodges."

The hard fought campaign made up the busiest part of the activities of the school a week before it took place. Arguments were held in each homeroom, in the halls, on each of the school buses as to who would make the best boy or girl to fill these important student government offices. The assembly program on Monday was devoted entirely to the elections. The campaign managers were: Mildred Alford for Jane, Billy Pollock for Dorman, Jerry Alford for Wilson, Bernice Altizer for Edith, Eddie Grove for Price, Henry Miller and Rodney White for Joe. Campaign speeches were made by Frank Spencer for Dorman, Lucy McManamay for Edith, and by the campaign managers of the other candidates. All the candidates also spoke a few well chosen words, promising to fulfill the duties of the office for which they were running, to the best of their abilities, if elected. The students then formed into two lines to vote by secret ballot.

If not already chosen, a student government member from each homeroom will be elected soon to represent that room on the council group. The new officers, Wilson Watts and Price Hodges, will lead the group chosen in this manner.

THE BIG BLUES



FIRST ROW: Evans Thompson, Wilson Watts, Dorman Camden, Price Hodges, Jerry Alford, Randolph Lunsford, Billy Pollock.
SECOND ROW: Butch Faulkner, Curtis Lotts, Dexter Lunsford, Sam Johnson, Frank Spencer, Preston Campbell, Henry Bryant.

Basketball Season Opens Jan. 10

Thompson Elected Captain, Leech Co-Captain

The basketball girls are getting ready for a full and hard season of fourteen games, beginning officially January 10. There has already been an off-schedule game with Lexington in the Lexington High School, December 16, at 4:00 p. m.

On November 25 the basketball girls elected as their captain, Mildred Thompson, and Jean Leech as co-captain. Mary Moore was also elected manager. Jerry Alford will serve as timekeeper, and Frances Cash, scorekeeper.

The N. B. H. S. girls' basketball squad for the season will include the following: Forwards: Mildred

Thompson, Betty Campbell, Maxine Watts, Edith McManamay, Marion Thompson, Gale Leech, Betty Fainter, Phyllis Huffman, and Joan Thompson; Guards: Mildred Clayton, Jean Leech, Virginia Clayton, Carol Desper, Lucille Ferguson, Audrey Blackburn and Lorean Dudley.

Ten new basketball uniforms have arrived. They are blue with white trimming. To complete the outfits white shoes will be worn. Due to the lack of uniforms some of the squad will have to wear those of last year.

On Monday, December 16, the basketball girls played an off-schedule game with Lexington High School at Lexington. The line-up for the game was as follows: Forwards, Mildred Thompson, Betty Campbell, Maxine Watts; Guards, Jean Leech, Mil-

(Continued on page three)

WISE UP ON NBHS

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT YOUR SCHOOL?

1. How many volumes does our library contain?
2. What year did we stop using our athletic field?
3. What year did the new Natural Bridge High School open?
4. What was the color of the Span year before last?
5. What is Mr. Strickler's middle name?
6. How many credits are you required to have to be a Junior?
7. What type of heating unit is used here?
8. What color are the draperies in the home economics room?
9. Where is the main light switch for the high school building?
10. What was the name of the play the Junior Class of '46 gave?
11. What kind of typewriter is used in the office?
12. How many more new teachers will we have?

Students Enjoy Tour Of Williamsburg

December 13 was a lucky day (instead of the tradition that Friday the thirteenth is 'unlucky') for many Natural Bridge Graded School and Natural Bridge High School students. Mrs. J. K. Davidson, assisted by Miss Violet Johnson and Mr. Pete Sensabaugh, chaperoned these students on a tour of many historical spots of the Old Dominion.

On Friday the group visited Monticello, the home of Thomas Jefferson, at Charlottesville. Richmond was next on the map, where the students saw the state capitol, the park, museum and St. John's Episcopal Church, where Patrick Henry made his famous speech.

(Continued on page four)

Cheerleaders Initiated



LEFT TO RIGHT: Barbara Dod, Jane Whittington, Millie Alford, Barbara Barger, Frances Blackburn, Gracie Alford.

THE BRIDGE BULLETIN

Published By The Students Of
NATURAL BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

Printed by Harlow's Print Shop, Lexington, Virginia.

Editor _____ Jane Whittington
Assistant Editors _____ Barbara Dod, Maxine Watts
Feature Editor _____ Mildred Thompson
Feature Writers: Joan Dod, Barbara Jeanne Cash
Sports Editors _____ Joan Thompson, Price Hodges
Humor Editors _____ Nova Bolt, Talmadge Kidd
Humor Writer: Bill Pollock
Exchange Editor _____ Lucille Ferguson
Proof Reader _____ Betty Campbell
Assistants: Barbara Jeanne Cash, Wilson Watts.
Circulation Manager _____ Mary Moore
Assistants: Phyllis Fleming, Eddie Grow, Leonard Tolley
Class Reporters _____ Emily Mohler
Clarence Cash, Betty Jane Campbell, Peggy Woodson, Marion Thompson, Edith McManamay, Rae Nell Burks.
News Reporters _____ Shirley Watkins
Deloris Hickman, Theresa Mayo and Betsy Oglesby
Natural Bridge High School, October 21, 1946

DO YOU REALLY KNOW—

What Student Government is? Everyone recognizes the name, and yet few know what it really means. There are many conceptions of Student Government, of which the most common are these: an organization to spy on people; something to have because everyone else has; and an organization whose whole sole purpose is to promote better citizenship, by preparing boys and girls for the world of tomorrow, with high ideas at all times. When you have this third kind of Student Government in your high school, cherish, respect, and honor it at all times.

However, you can't have this type of Student Government with just a snap of your fingers. It takes hard work on the part of the Council members and the support of the student body, one hundred per cent. The Council members are students chosen by the student body, and representing their wants, ideas, needs, in order to bring about a closer understanding between the faculty and the boys and girls. If you elect your Council members just to see how much fault you can find with them, then you don't have a constructive organization, you have an old woman's club tearing you down.

Council members are put in the same limelight as the traditional preacher's son. Some people think that Student Council members are supposed to be 'goodie goodies'. Why this is, is beyond us. They are elected to work, and not to see how good they can be. Of course, the best way to put something over is by setting a good example, but the council members are just like you—they make mistakes, too.

We who are here this year have a big job ahead of us. We have elected our Council members and now is the time to go to work and back up our Student Government with cooperation. Let's do our best to make it a better and more efficient organization, one to be proud of. We helped to make it good last year—let's make it still better this year and in the years to come.

Percentage Attendance For Month Ending Wednesday, October 9

Rank	Homeroom	Teacher	Per Cent
First Place	8A	Mrs. Francis	98.28
Second Place	8C	Mrs. Moore	97.24
Third Place	9	Mrs. Blackburn	95.74
Fourth Place	Senior	Mrs. Judy	95.73
Fifth Place	8B	Mrs. Hodges	95.5
Sixth Place	Junior	Mrs. White	92.65
Entire School			95.52

Let's pull this average up next month!

American Education Week Is Planned

Every teacher of N.B.H.S. will do something to promote observance of American Education Week November 10 through 16. Topics for the week are Practicing Brotherhood, Building World Security, Facing New Tasks, Developing Better Communities, Strengthening Home Life, Investing in Education, and Promoting Health and Safety.

The purpose of American Education Week is to call to the attention of the public the importance of education in the life of our democracy. Patrons are invited to visit the school during this week. A special program, centering around them, will be given by the student body the afternoon of November 14.

F. H. A.

The first meeting of the Future Homemakers of America was held Wednesday, October 9, in the auditorium. Seventy-six members attended.

Officers of the club, who were chosen at the May meeting, are Barbara Dod, president; Betty Campbell, vice-president; Mildred Thompson, secretary; Lucille Ferguson, treasurer; and Joan Thompson, reporter.

Plans were made for improvement of the home and school, to promote money-making activities, and to sponsor various forms of entertainment.

The members welcomed two faculty advisors, Mrs. Virginia Tardy, advisor also for last year, and Mrs. Wilma M. White, assistant home economics teacher.

The club is starting out in a big way and the members hope to get more plans under way soon.

Sniffin' Puppy

The Bulletin gossipier caught little Rover coming out of his doghouse the other day...and after twisting his tail, found out these sniff-icant facts:

—Sniff—Sniff—

Butch Faulkner's car broke down on the way to the Hop Friday. We've heard better excuses, Butch!

—Sniff—Sniff—

Is it Buena Vista or Natural Bridge that makes Eula Markham and Dorothy Coffey go to sleep in their classes?

—Sniff—Sniff—

Violet Wilcher, why don't you show the whole school your engagement ring, instead of just showing it to the pupils in 8B?

—Sniff—Sniff—

Of course, Edith McManamay is always "Perkin" around.

—Sniff—Sniff—

Leslie Thompson would love to live in the State Theater in Lexington.

—Sniff—Sniff—

Why are Ruby LaRue, Dorothy Slough, and Betty Jean Campbell always fussing at each other?

—Sniff—Sniff—

A little "White" girl is looking for Buzzard Bate.

—Sniff—Sniff—

Gladys Camden is always singing, "Give Me Five Minutes More, and 'I don't know why I Love You Like I Do.'"

—Sniff—Sniff—

We wonder why "Pete" Spencer goes to Greenlee so much. Could it be Cash's store?

—Sniff—Sniff—

Frances Blackburn seems to have given her heart to the Army. How about it, Frances?

—Sniff—Sniff—

Well, Nancy McCullough, when is the wedding coming on, and who is the lucky fellow?

—Sniff—Sniff—

Who was the little eighth grader who saw Henry Bryant and Mary Jane Woodson trucking down the road one night the other week?

—Sniff—Sniff—

Hey, Bessie Reynolds, how is Chub Green?

—Sniff—Sniff—

Mrs. Brown has a good way of keeping her pupils from misbehaving—just onion peeling for one hour.

Cat Brown makes eyes at Johnny Lewis every time she is going to Buena Vista.

—Sniff—Sniff—

Eddie Grow seems to be getting entirely too popular with the 8th graders of N. B. H. S. What about it, Eddie?

—Sniff—Sniff—

What's this we hear about Hampton Lotts getting married at Christmas? Who will be the lucky bride, Bernice Kerr or Doris Johnson?

—Sniff—Sniff—

A little bird flew by and left a letter for Barbara Barger.

—Sniff—Sniff—

All the work on the new building halts when the basketball girls go out to practice.

—Sniff—Sniff—

What's this we hear about Talmadge Kidd and Dorothy Radford?

—Sniff—Sniff—

Regena Lawhorn: "June, why do you like your diet?"

June Watkins: "Because it does so much for the will power and so little for the waist line."

—Sniff—Sniff—

Mrs. Tardy: "I told you, Rae Nell, that my age was a secret." Rae Nell Burks: "You'll let it out some day, though."

Mrs. Tardy: "I doubt it. When I have kept it for 69 years. I can keep it forever."

—Sniff—Sniff—

Mrs. Francis: "You deceived me before we were married. You told me you were well off."

Mr. Francis: "I was, but I didn't know it."

—Sniff—Sniff—

Mr. See: "My wife prefers tea for breakfast, while I prefer coffee."

Mrs. Judy: "Then I suppose it is necessary to have both, huh?"

Mr. See: "Oh, no, we compromise."

Mrs. Judy: "In what way?"

Mr. See: "We have tea!"

—Sniff—Sniff—

Thelma McDaniel: "Oh, a bee just stung me!"

William Leighton: "Quick, put some ammonia on it."

Thelma: "I can't now. He flew away."

News on Old Grads

"I wonder where so-and-so is these days?" is something we all hear or say at one time or another, and it's always nice to know just what became of last year's graduates. So, here is, (as nearly as we can find out) what they're doing.

Four of our young lasses have gone and surprised us by getting married. Phyllis Burks, is now Mrs. John Kelly, and is living in Roanoke, Va. Nancy Ginger is now Mrs. Bernard Wilkerson and resides at Glasgow, Va. Joyce Johnson has just returned from her honeymoon as Mrs. Elgin Shepherd. Margaret Radford was married last spring to Steward Johnson, and is living at Natural Bridge Station.

Among those going to college are Joyce Brown and Caroline Clarke at Mary Washington, Mary Gound at Occidental College in California, Annie Firebaugh at Emmanuel College, Georgia, Gwen McAlphin at Madison and Margaret Smiley at Mars Hill College, North Carolina. Nancy Payne is going to Greenbrier, West Virginia, Joyce Pollock is at Na-

tional Business College, in Roanoke, and Jimmy Gregory is at Fork Union Military Academy.

Already out in the business world are Ruby Claytor, Ileta Fainter, Lois Huffman, Ruby Leighton, Dot McFaddin, Jane Moxley, and Lebo Wills, all of whom hold positions at the Blue Ridge Rug plant. Claudine Roberts is working in the Glasgow bank and Everett Huffman is learning telegraphy at the Natural Bridge Station depot.

Freddie Carter is at home tending his father's farm. Also at home are William Watts and Loyd Slough, who is planning to go into the service soon.

Doug Leech is dreaming over the little diamond on her third finger, left hand, and planning her wedding. Also sporting a sparkler is Lois Wilkerson, court-ess of "Red." She is at the Blue Ridge plant at present.

No one seems to know what Elizabeth Marshall is doing. She was formerly telephone operator at the Natural Bridge exchange.

Edgar Clarke is a private at Camp Lee Va

ONIONS and ORCHIDS

Orchids to Eddie Grow for winning first prize as Champion Milk-er of Rockbridge County.

Orchids to Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Braford for their substitute teaching.

Onions to the persons who ruined some of the campaign posters by marking all over them.

Orchids to the busy campaign managers who were here, there, and everywhere on behalf of their candidates.

Orchids to the football players who have made touchdowns this year.

Onions to Mr. Strickler for moving the boys to the front of Sena-baugh's bus.

Orchids to the 8B's who had perfect attendance for 12 days out of the first 20.

Onions to the seniors who were late in bringing in their ring money.

Orchids to Mr. See for the courage he has in undertaking that rowdy Solid Geometry class.

Orchids to the Vets for coming back to school again.

Onions to Mr. Childress for making Dexter supply him with chewing tobacco.

Orchids to Jean Leech and Edwin Bare for such a honey of a romance.

Onions to Mr. Burger for ringing the bell right on time at the end of the lunch period.

Orchids to whoever is responsible for offering French to us.

Orchids to Mr. Stoner for letting the kids help themselves to his apples.

Orchids to the Home Economics girls for sponsoring the football "hop".

Onions to girls who clutter up the bathroom.

Orchids to Mr. See and Mrs. Judy for trying to have a class in the library.

Principal's Corner

It is most difficult to find a topic that would be of vital interest to all the readers of this paper. One must keep in mind that readers of any paper have various interests, and especially readers of a school paper.

There is one place in the school that pupils, teachers, parents or any person in the community may come and find reading material that will be of special interest. That place is the library.

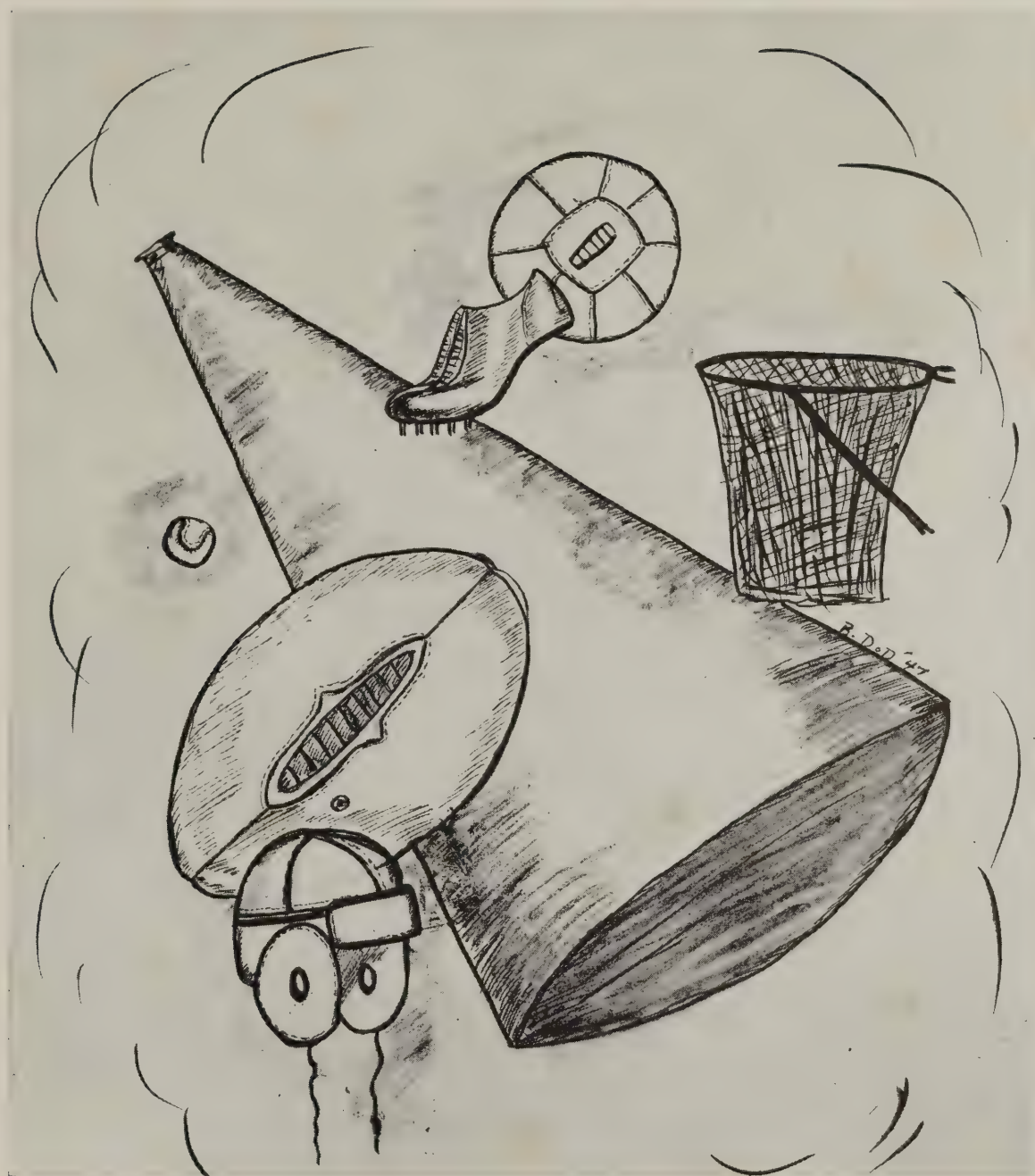
Democracy desires specialization, whereby individuals specialize in various vocations, and other fields of endeavor, and on the other hand that make for cooperation and social solidarity.

It is recognized that there must be specialization in education, but that unification is equally important in training of pupils if the objectives are to be carried out.

In the high school, the library is one agency that has the opportunity of coming in touch with all pupils. The library has no specialized duty of material to teach, as have other departments, but in its work deals with all members of the student body.

The library should be the center of the educational life of the school, not merely a collection of books. The books in the library have been chosen in light of the philosophy, aims and objectives of the school. This has been possible due to the fact that almost all of the books in the high school library are up to date.

(Continued on page six)



ATHLETICS

Football

The 1946 squad began the season by welcoming ex-Lieutenant Colonel Robert "Pop" Childress as the coach of the "Blue Atomics."

After a vigorous and "bruising" training prior to the opening of school, the team got underway by electing as co-captains Wilson Watts and Preston Campbell.

The "Big Blues" were greatly strengthened by return veterans, all of whom were former letter-men. They were: Jerry Alford at right tackle, Randolph Lunsford at left tackle, and Preston Campbell, half back.

The silver cup presented to the school by the Ruritan Club of Natural Bridge District in '45 will have the names of the outstanding line-men and back engraved on it. The honor this year goes to Sam Johnson, linesman and Wilson Watts, back.

The squad of '46 was composed of seniors who have played their last game for their Alma Mater. To the forthcoming squad of '47 goes their best wishes and the name "Blue Atomics" to carry on to many victories.

1946 SCHEDULE

Natural Bridge	12	Eagle Rock	0
Natural Bridge	19	Low Moor	0
Natural Bridge	14	Valley High	30
Natural Bridge	0	Buena Vista	14
Natural Bridge	0	Bedford	49
Natural Bridge	12	Miller	42
Natural Bridge	13	Basset	7
Natural Bridge	7	Alta Vista	39

This year the Junior Varsity was initiated. This team was composed mostly of eighth and ninth graders for the purpose of giving them experience for next year's team. Two games were played with the Lexington Junior Varsity and two with that of Eagle Rock. The "Little Blue Team" defeated Eagle Rock by scores of 42—0 and 41—0, while losing to Lexington by 14—0 and 13—6.

The "J.Vs." are expected to furnish much valuable material to the 1947 squad.

LETTER MEN

FIRST ROW: (left to right) Billy Pollock, Wert Faulkner, Evans Thompson, Curtis Lotts.

SECOND ROW: Frank Spencer, Henry Bryant, Dorman Camden, Sam Johnson.

THIRD ROW: Price Hodges, Randolph Lunsford, Jerry Alford, Toby Garrett.

FOURTH ROW: Dexter Lunsford, James McCullough, Preston Campbell, Wilson Watts.

The remaining members of the squad are Boyd Mitchell, Nat Massie, Emory McFaddin, and Lester Fainter.

Football



Boys' Basketball



Front row (left to right): Edwin Bare, William Pollock, William Leighton, Sam Johnson, Henry Bryant, Wert Faulkner, Dorman Camden, Frank Spencer, Evans Thompson.
Back Row: Eldon Bolt, Leonard Tolley, *manager*; Talmadge Kidd, *Coach* Childress; Lester Fainter, Jimmy McFaddin, Lloyd Glenn and Charles Gregory.

In spite of a fairly disappointing season, Natural Bridge High boys gave a good showing on the floor. Under the guidance of Coach Childress, the boys put into action many fast-moving plays and showed grim determination when they finally upset Fairfield by a lead of 14 points.

Captain Lester Fainter was the most outstanding player of the year with his fine footwork and individual playing. William Leighton was noted for his follow-up and pivot shots. Frank Spencer excelled in his defense work and ability to "put them in from far out." Dexter Lunsford's passing and offensive playing were noteworthy. William Newell played fast ball and "put them through" under the basket.

William Pollock, Dorman Camden, Evans Thompson, James McCullough, Wert Faulkner, Edwin Bare, Henry Bryant, Sam Johnson and Talmadge Kidd saw action in several of the games.

SCHEDULE

Natural Bridge	18	Troutville	39
Natural Bridge	24	Brownsburg	28
Natural Bridge	18	Fairfield	22
Natural Bridge	19	Effinger	28
Natural Bridge	17	Goshen	20
Natural Bridge	19	Brownsburg	37
Natural Bridge	17	Bedford	31
Natural Bridge	31	Fairfield	17
Natural Bridge	11	Effinger	35
Natural Bridge	29	N. B. Boys' Camp	20
Natural Bridge	16	Goshen	26
Natural Bridge	16	Bedford	32
Natural Bridge	20	Troutville	40

The players total points for the season are:

Fainter	135	Lunsford	17
Leighton	38	Camden	3
Spencer	24	McCullough	4
Newell	17	Thompson	3
Pollock	15	Faulkner	3

Girls' Basketball



First row (left to right): Jean Leech, Mildred Claytor, Lucille Ferguson, Virginia Claytor, Carol Desper, Edith McManamay, Marian Thompson, Maxine Watts, Betty Campbell and Mildred Thompson.

Second row: Coach, Virginia Tardy, Gale Leech, Ruby LaRue, Lorean Dudley, Betty Fainter, Joan Thompson, Phyllis Huffman, Audrey Blackburn, and *manager,* Mary Moore.

The girls' basketball team has had a very successful 1946-47 season in spite of the fact that the entire squad was made up of inexperienced girls.

The girls have worked hard, under the coaching of Mrs. Virginia Tardy, to make their team a success.

Mildred Thompson was elected Captain of the 1946-47 squad, with Jean Leech, co-captain. Mary Moore was chosen manager.

Natural Bridge	12	Lexington	28
Natural Bridge	18	Lexington	18
Natural Bridge	19	Troutville	39
Natural Bridge	23	Brownsburg	21
Natural Bridge	13	Fairfield	16
Natural Bridge	18	Effinger	11
Natural Bridge	16	Goshen	16
Natural Bridge	26	Brownsburg	15
Natural Bridge	10	Bedford	17
Natural Bridge	27	Fairfield	21
Natural Bridge	13	Effinger	17
Natural Bridge	17	Goshen	17
Natural Bridge	10	Bedford	15
Natural Bridge	37	Troutville	46

The team had a total score this season of 269 points against their opponents' 297.

The players' total points for the season are:

Mildred Thompson	140	Betty Campbell	28
Maxine Watts	56	Marian Thompson	2
Joan Thompson	33		

Spring Sports

BOYS

As this is being written, spring is in the air and a young man's fancy turns, not to love, but to baseball.

During the years of the war, baseball was dropped because of the lack of transportation, but this year N. B. H. S. decided to reorganize a team. Games are being scheduled with Lexington, Effinger, Eagle Rock and Troutville. The team is working toward participation in the district championship series.

There is a track squad in the field, too. Shot put, Javelin, High and broad jump alike are being practiced with fervor so as to meet any challenge that may arise. Although our sprinting star, Edgar Clarke, is serving with the army of the United States, we still hope to have a very victorious year and expect many new stars to develop. At the present, the only scheduled meet is with Effinger, but we hope to have several others, besides the district meet in Lexington, and the regional meet. The team also hopes to enter the state meet in Charlottesville.

This year we can look forward to seeing Spencer and Pollock at the high jump and Fainter at the dashes; while Miller and Tolley will run the 880. Dexter Lunsford promises to "take on" the mile.

As a whole we are expecting a very successful season on the field.

GIRLS

It is also probable that the girls will field a softball team this spring, depending upon what the other schools in the county do. This sport, like baseball, was dropped during the war. Since many girls have had the opportunity to play during their physical education period this year, much interest has been created and they are looking forward to having a team. We are anxiously awaiting the time when we will see the girls in action.

Those going out for softball are as follows: Edith McManamay, Lucille Ferguson, Mildred Thompson, Lula Mae West, Rachel Reynolds, Frances Mayo, Mildred Rhodes, Doris Watts, Ruby LaRue, Gracie Alford, Gale Leech, Virginia Claytor, Barbara Barger, Marion Thompson, Corrine Austin, Lorean Dudley, Jane Whittington, Jean Leech, Mildred Claytor, Joan Thompson, Joyce Moore, Frances Cash, Mildred Alford, Nova Bolt, Frances Stoner, Betty Fainter, Frances Blackburn, Mary Moore, Maxine Watts.

Cheerleaders



Front Center: Jane Whittington.

Left to Right: Gracie Alford, Barbara Dod, Anne Lewis, Mildred Alford, Helen Blackburn, Frances Blackburn, Barbara Barger.

After several weeks of "prepping" by veteran cheerleaders, tryouts were held for new squad members. The following were elected: Gracie Alford, Barbara Barger, *regulars*; Anne Marie Lewis, Helen Blackburn, *substitutes*.

New uniforms consisting of navy blue circular skirts and heavy white wool sweaters with blue monograms were worn this year.

The six-girl formation was mainly used throughout the football and basketball seasons.

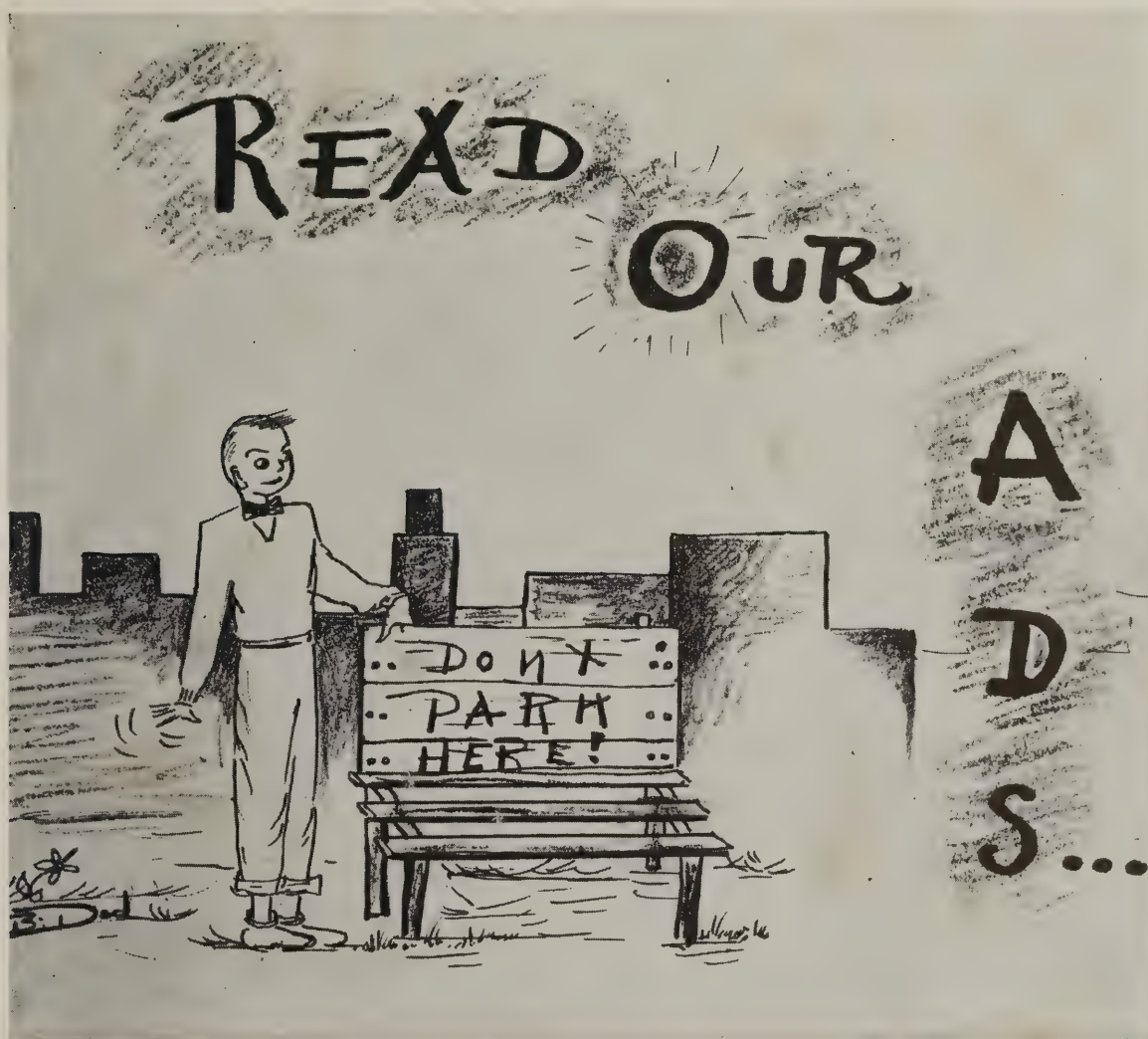
A formal dinner was given at the Mayflower Hotel March 14 in honor of the Pep Squad. The presentation of the honor medals to the cheerleaders was performed by Mr. Strickler.

During the three years of organization, the cheerleading has been a triumphant success. It is with deep regret that the squad loses Mildred Alford, Barbara Dod, Frances Blackburn, and Jane Whittington with the graduating class of '47.

It is hoped that the organization will continue to be as much a success in the future as it has been in the past, and that it will always be an outstanding phase of school life at Natural Bridge High School.

Athletic Snapshots





AND SEE OUR SNAPS

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to our advertisers, whose financial assistance has made the publication of this book possible.

White's Stores

Shirey & Brown

"THE REXALL DRUG STORE"



Phone 11

White's Hardware

FRIGIDAIRES — STOVES

FURNITURE — RADIOS



Phone 2



Buena Vista, Virginia

Donahoe's Flower Shop

Wedding Decorations

Funeral Designs

Corsages

Cut Flowers



Phone—Day — 81

Night or Holiday — 2158

LEXINGTON, VIRGINIA

Class Rings — Pins —

Commencement Invitations —

Visiting Cards — Medals & Trophies

Furnished Natural Bridge High School



By JAMES L. DECK
403 East Franklin Street
Richmond 19, Virginia

CHILES-BARGER COMPANY, Inc.

General Merchandise
Natural Bridge Station, Va.



Your past patronage is greatly appreciated and we are well aware that your satisfaction is our success. In endeavoring to keep you satisfied we have expanded our line to include complete *NORGE* appliances, Electrical traffic items, *Zenith* radios, and many other high quality goods. *If you want to reduce your family expenses, constantly check our special reductions in prices on necessary household items.*

BURKS COMPANY

Dealers in

Building Materials

Sales General Electric Service

Sell Us Your Logs




NATURAL BRIDGE STATION

VIRGINIA

Compliments of
**The Huger-Davidson Sale
Company, Inc.**

Distributors of
PLEE-ZING PRODUCTS


Lexington, Va.—Staunton, Va.

**Myers Hardware
Company, Inc.**


“ALL KINDS OF HARDWARE”


LEXINGTON, VA.

ADAIR HUTTON, INC.

LEXINGTON'S SHOPPING CENTER

Serving The Public Over Half A Century


LEXINGTON

Phone 58

VIRGINIA

ARCHIE'S PLACE

Billiards — Gas — Oil



GLASGOW, VIRGINIA

Todd's Drug Store

Prescription Druggist

Sundries — Kodaks — Candies — Sodas — Cigars — Radios

Toilet Articles — Rubber Goods — Stationary

"Remedies That Build Health"

GLASGOW, VIRGINIA

Schewel Furniture Company, Inc.

Corner Nelson and Jefferson Streets

Lexington, Virginia



"Your Home Should Come First."

COMPLIMENTS OF

Store Department

LOCHER & CO., Inc.



GLASGOW, VIRGINIA

Compliments of
Rockbridge Creamery

Milk Ice Cream
Chocolate Milk Butter

Phone 73 Lexington, Va.

Rockbridge Laundry
and
Dry Cleaning

Send Us Your Suits

Phone 185 Lexington, Va.

Bank of Glasgow, Inc.

Glasgow, Va.

Capital \$30,000

Surplus \$10,000

Resources Over \$700,000

Your Deposits Solicited

Member of the
Federal Deposit Ins. Corp.

Congratulations!

to the

Senior Class

Buena Vista Cleaners

Cleaning—Pressing—Dyeing

Phone 128

BUENA VISTA VIRGINIA

**Rockbridge Radio
and
Electrical Service**

E. F. Nuckols, *Owner*

Radio Repair Sales & Service

*Electrical Appliance
Repair*



130 S. Main Street, Lexington, Va.

Phone 463

Box 782

Shepherd's Farm Store



Feeds—Groceries

Grains



Natural Bridge Station, Va.

CLARKE'S STORE

General Merchandise

Phone—Natural Bridge 25-7



Natural Bridge Station, Va.

Siler's Garage

General Auto Repairing

Welding

Phone 4-KD




Natural Bridge, Va.

Compliments of
The Annex


LEXINGTON, VA.

Frank T. Campbell

Esso Service


Lexington, Va.

Young People Connected With

"THE SPAN"

Insure and Be Secure With

Wise & Waddell, Inc.

Lexington, Va.

**WESTERN AUTO
ASSOCIATE STORE**

19 W. Nelson St.

Lexington, Va.

Phone 33

Auto Tires, Parts, Supplies


Paints, Sporting Goods

Household Supplies

Compliments of
THE VIRGINIA CAFE
(American)

Meals

Steaks


21 W. Nelson St. Lexington, Va.

W. B. HARRISON CO.

Mortuary

Lexington, Va.

Ambulance Service

Funeral Directors

Day or Night

Phone 229

Fountain Specials
Sundaes Sodas
Shakes Sandwiches
Ice Cream
STATE CO., Inc.

Lexington, Va.

M. S. McCOY

Fancy Fruits and Vegetables

Imported and Domestic

GROCERIES

Old Virginia Cured Hams

LEXINGTON, VA.



SALES SERVICE

Blueridge Motor Sales

Phone 139

Lexington, Virginia

SWINK'S

Ready to Wear
Apparel & Dry Goods



11 E. Nelson Street
Lexington, Virginia

Boley's Book Store

Books Stationery Supplies



LEXINGTON, VIRGINIA

LEXINGTON GAZETTE

"We print the BULLETIN"

\$1.50 Per Year

\$2.00 For Two Years



Lexington, Va.

Jefferson Lunch



Eats and Drinks



LEXINGTON, VIRGINIA

American Oil Co.

F. P. Weller — B.P.C.



Phone 730



Lexington, Va.

Compliments of

W. L. FOLTZ AND SON

"All Forms of Insurance"



Stuart Building

Phone 524

Lexington, Va.

Patent Remedies

Tobaccos

TURNER'S

for lowest prices

Lexington, Va.

Candies

Cosmetics

L. H. FIREBAUGH

Groceries

Fresh Fruits

Vegetables



Natural Bridge Station, Va.

JOE E. SHANER

Florist

Flowers For All Occasions



Tel. 203-723

Lexington, Va.

Compliments of

Baldwins Echols Co.

Department Store



GLASGOW, Va.

SEAY'S DRUG STORE

Prescription Service



Phone 14

Buena Vista, Va.

ROCKBRIDGE FARMERS

COOPERATIVE INC.

Lexington, Va.

Phone 487

Brownsburg, Va.

Phone 21



When in need of seed, feed, etc.

"Everything for the Farmer"

Compliments of

Lexington Motor Sales



146 So. Main St.

Lexington, Va.

STUDENTS!

Be smart in your books

Be smart in your looks



Send your clothes to

UNIVERSITY CLEANERS

J. ED. DEAVER AND SONS

Clothiers and Furnishers



Phone 25

Lexington, Va.

**LUNSFORD'S
SERVICE STATION**

South of Tiny Town Tavern



"Lots of Gas"

"DUTCH INN"

*"A place where you'll
want to go again."*



LEXINGTON, VA.

MICK OR MACK

Produce

Groceries

Fresh Meats

Feed and Flour



Buena Vista, Va.

Phone 23

The Varsity

Quick Lunches

and

Fountain Service



Lexington, Va.

M. D. MORRIS

Department Store

Dependable Merchandise

Phone 161



Buena Vista, Va.

E. W. McCORMICK & SON

Wayne's Feeds, Seeds & Fertilizer

Farm Implements & Machinery

Phone 272



Buena Vista, Va.

LEONARD R. CASH

Truck and School Bus Operator

Telephone 3-M



GREENLEE

VIRGINIA

In Lexington

**It's
McCRUM'S**

FOR YOUR DRUG NEEDS

HENRY GAGNON

General Merchandise



Phone 29-A

NATURAL BRIDGE STATION, VA.

I. F. Lackey

M. O. Ruble

R.D. Lackey

R. S. Hutcheson & Company

Wholesale and Retail Lumber



Phone 188

LEXINGTON, VIRGINIA

Staunton Sport Shop

The Only

Exclusive Valley Sport Store



STAUNTON, VIRGINIA

William D. Oppleman
Isadore P. Oppleman

PHILLIP'S

Brothers Inc.

"Just What I Have Always Wanted"

906 Main
Lynchburg, Virginia

Trade At

BIBEE'S "SUPER" MARKETS



Buena Vista, Va. Roanoke, Va.
Lynchburg, Va. Danville, Va.
Altavista, Va.

F. & H. Market

General Merchandise
Groceries — Fresh Meats



Phone 1-M Glasgow, Va.

JOHN NORMAN INC.

*Clothes for the
Young Man*



LEXINGTON, VA.

MAYFLOWER HOTEL

for
Rooms & Meals

Telephone 8000

409 S. Main St.
LEXINGTON, VIRGINIA

IDEAL BARBER SHOP

For the Best



LEXINGTON, VA.

Ewing's Studio



Lexington, Va.

Grossman's

*Wearing Apparel For
Women and Misses*



LEXINGTON, VA.

Powell's Market

Phone 12-D



GLASGOW, VIRGINIA

For the Best of

Everything

In the Garage Line

Come to the

GLASGOW GARAGE

Glasgow, Virginia

VETERAN'S CAFE

Proprietor

Jim Pete Edwards

Good Food



Buena Vista, Va.

Burford's Plumbing Shop

Plumbing and Heating

Telephone 202

Charles R. Burford, *Owner*



Buena Vista, Va.

Ladies Specialty Shoppe

Mrs. Lena J. Finley, *Prop.*

Dresses, Millinery, and Notions



BUENA VISTA, VA.

GEORGE'S MODERN CAFE

Buena Vista's Finest

Excellent Food

Served At All Hours



Phone 266

C. B. Slough & Son

General Contractors

Lumber, Building Material, Doors

Frames, Lime, Cement, Roofing,

Wall Plaster, and Oils.

Phone 31

Buena Vista

Virginia

W. W. MAC CO.

5 and 10¢ Store



Buena Vista, Virginia

Gene's Lunch

24 Hour Service



S. Main St.

Lexington, Va.

Stonewall Jackson Cafe



Lexington, Va.

Expert Shoe Repair

Are Your Shoes
Tired and Rundown? ? ?

Then Visit

Lexington Shoe Hospital

Lexington, Va.

RECORDS

Popular — Classic — String Music
Needles Accessories



WEINBERG'S MUSIC STORE

Lexington, Va.

MOORE & COMPANY

Let us furnish you with your groceries
and meats. We guarantee our quality and
service. Our prices reasonable.

Phones 35 and 2



Lexington, Va.

R. L. Hess & Bro.

Jewelers



Lexington, Va.

W. T. Paxton & Co.

Established 1892

Insurance & Real Estate



Buena Vista, Virginia

Spray-Painting

Welding

CRAWFORD'S BODY AND FENDER REPAIR SHOP

Vergil Crawford, Owner

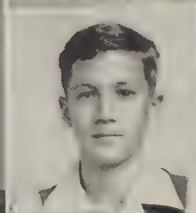


Buena Vista, Va.

Stephen

Snapshots

Class of '59



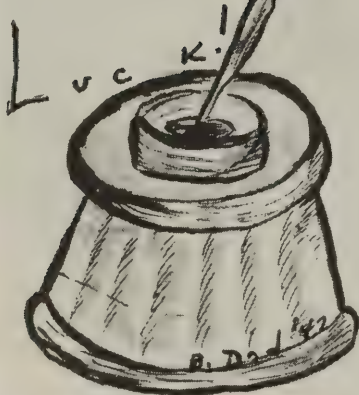
"BEST OF EVERYTHING!"

Sarah Long

"Yours, Gog"

wishes" Always, Mary"

BEST



"Good luck!"

"STAY SWEET—"

"SINCERELY, JOE"

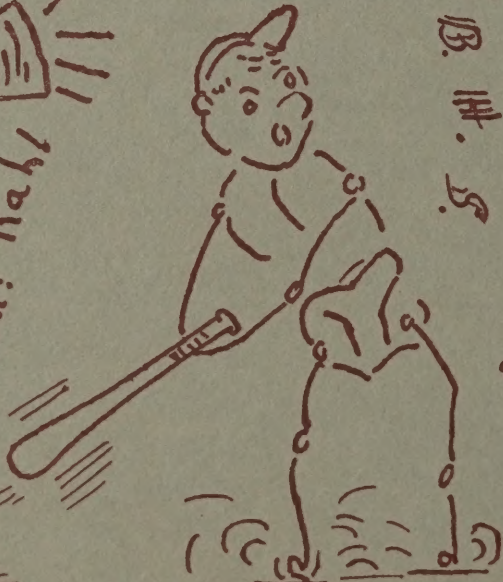
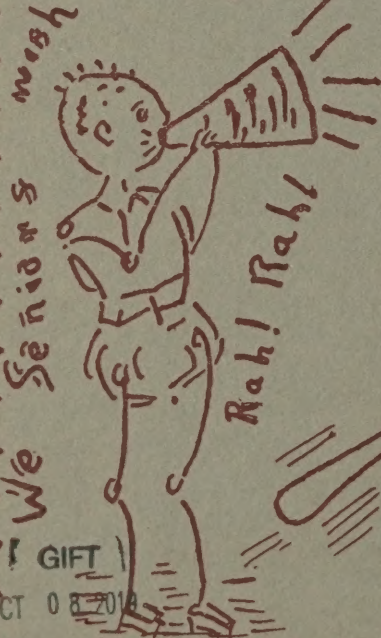
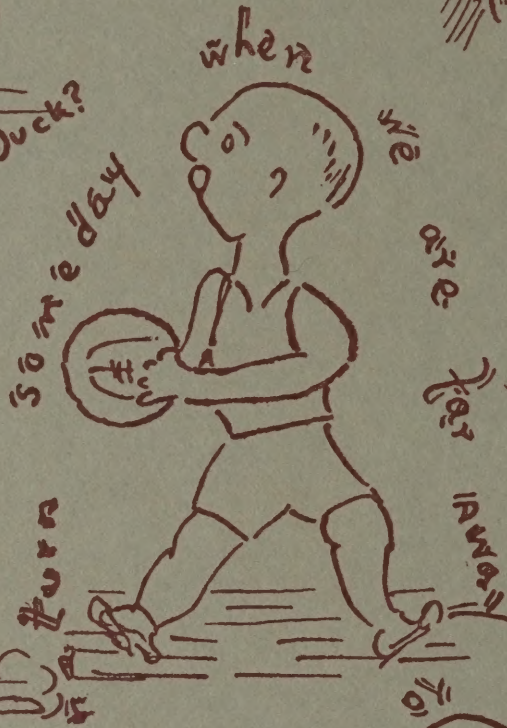
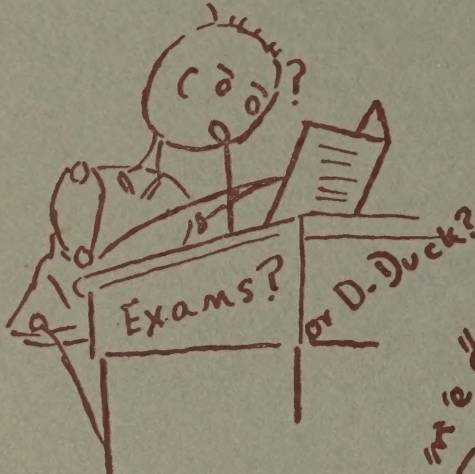
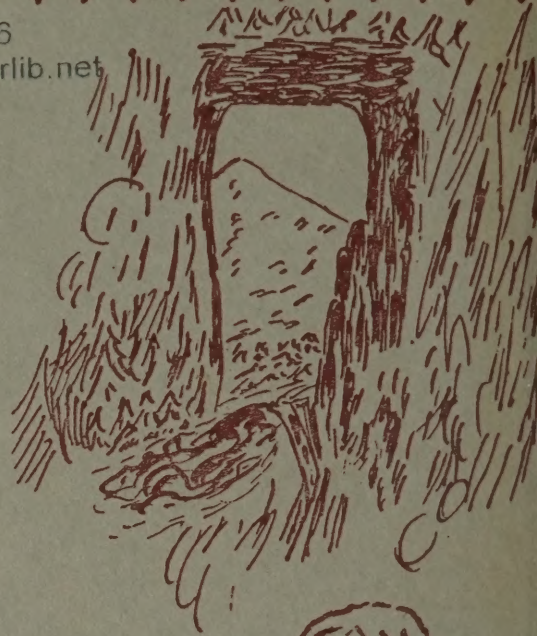
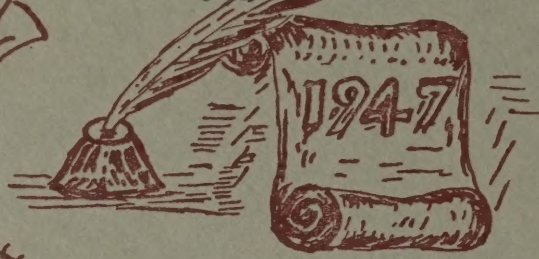
AUTOGRAPHS

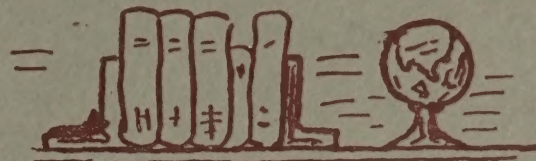
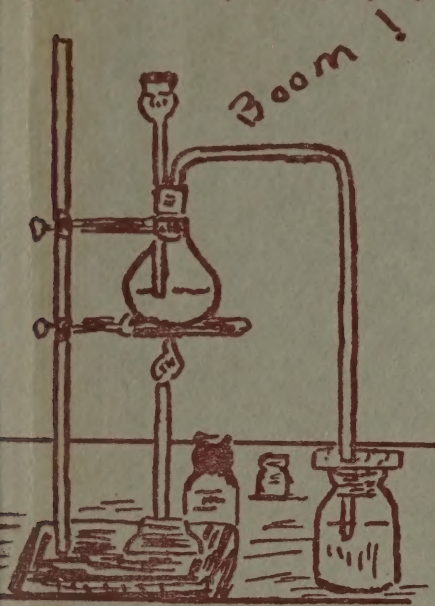
Dickie Francis

Patsy Francis

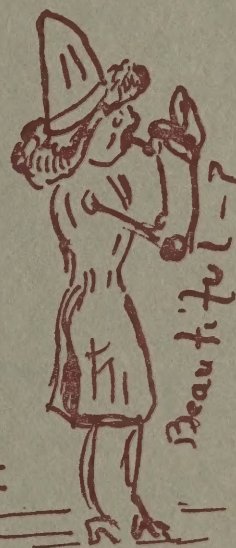
Thelma Vest

Good Luck
Virginia Martin





Were young



Sez you?



ROCKBRIDGE LIBRARY



2050 9100 211 030 2